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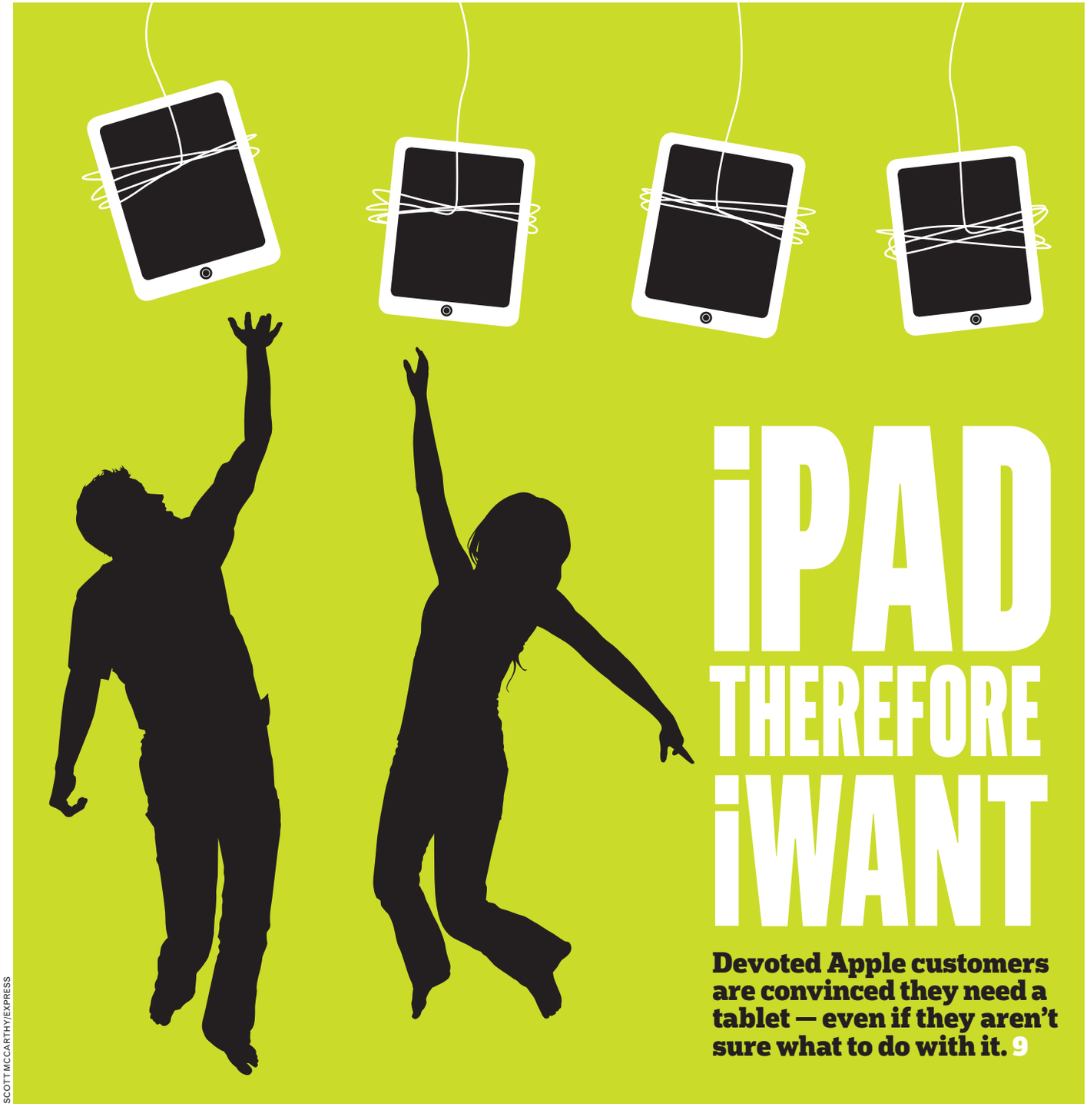

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Another 'You Go, Girl?!' Moment in Crime History

A 94-year-old Mexican woman has been arrested for trying to smuggle almost 11 pounds of marijuana into Arizona. U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers say the woman from Nogales was attempting to cross the border Tuesday to shop. But an officer became suspicious and referred the woman for further inspection. Authorities found 10 1/2 pounds of marijuana strapped to the woman's body from her torso to her legs. **(AP)**

"We didn't reach this decision lightly; after all, we had a fair amount of brand equity tied up in our old name."

— **GOOGLE,** ON WHY IT CHANGED ITS NAME TO "TOPEKA." THE APRIL FOOLS' JOKE REFERENCES TOPEKA'S RENAMING ITSELF "GOOGLE" IN A BID FOR A COVETED BROADBAND PROJECT.

1. Rob a Bank. 2. Repeat Until Under Arrest.

A DeLand, Fla., woman wanted to make sure she robbed a bank before she died, so she did. Patricia Dianne Edwards, 51, who told police she's dying of leukemia, said she could now cross the crime off her "bucket list," according to local reports. She pulled off the first heist on March 9 and was arrested at a motel March 26 after robbing a second bank earlier that week. Bank robbery, she said, was the only item on her list. **(EXPRESS)**

The Big Picture

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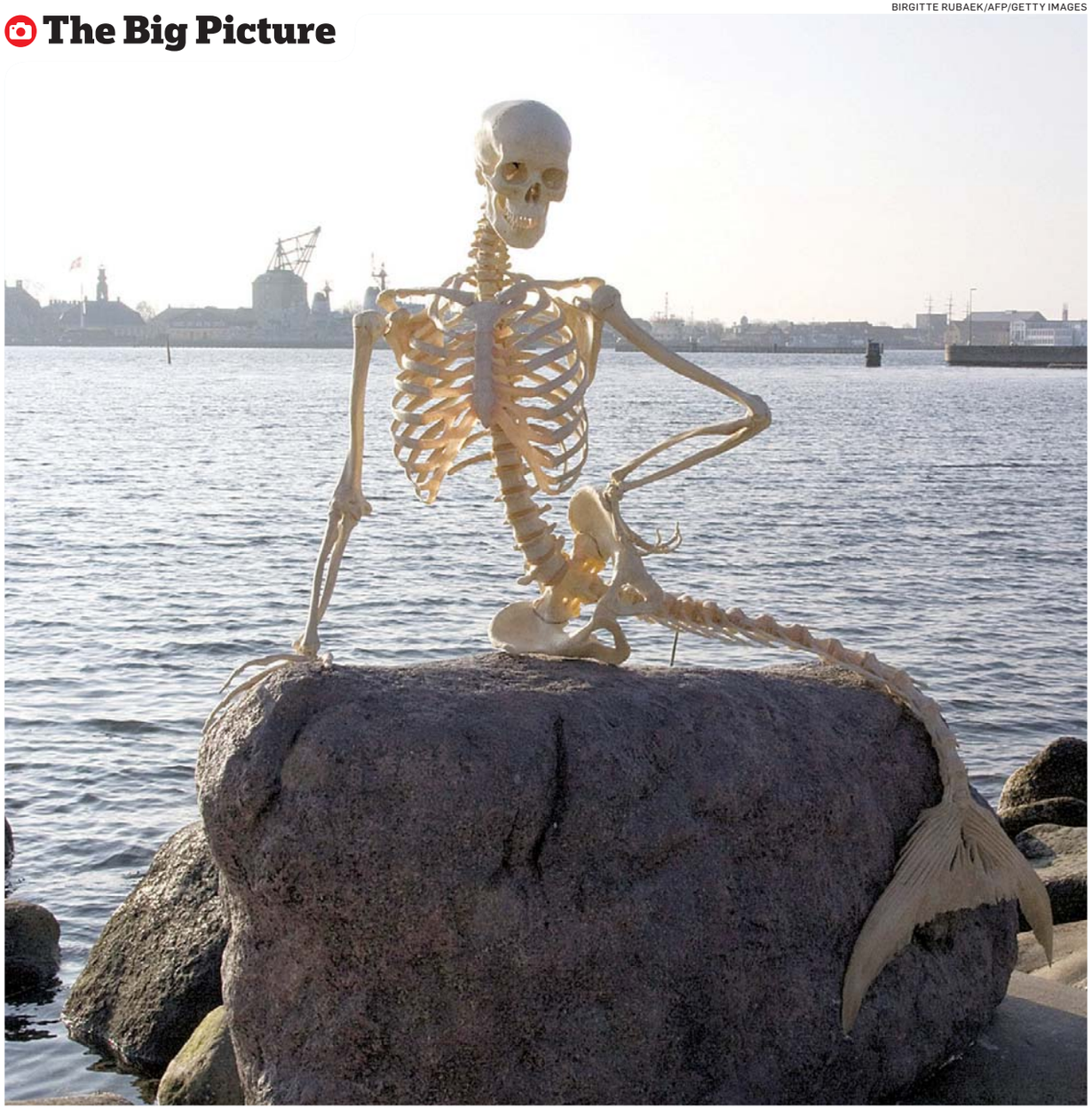

APRIL FOOLS' PRANKSTERS placed an unusual skeleton on the rock where Copenhagen's famed Little Mermaid statue normally rests. The statue is, in fact, missing from her perch, but not for any sinister reason — she's on her way to the World Expo in Shanghai, China, which opens May 1. **(EXPRESS)**

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Doc Killer Given Life In Kan. Jail

Wichita, Kan.

A judge on Thursday sentenced an anti-abortion zealot convicted of murdering a prominent Kansas abortion doctor to life in prison with the possibility of parole after 50 years.

Roeder

Scott Roeder faced a mandatory life prison term for gunning down Dr. George Tiller in the back of Tiller's Wichita church last May.

Sedgwick County District Judge Warren Wilbert could have made the 52-year-old Roeder eligible for parole after 25 or 50 years. He gave him the harsher sentence because he said the evidence showed Roeder stalked Tiller before killing him.

Roeder, 52, accused Sedgwick County District Judge Warren Wilbert of "duplicity" and said his trial was a miscarriage of justice because he wasn't allowed to testify about the evils of abortion.

"I stopped him so he could not dismember another innocent baby," Roeder said. "Wichita is a far safer place for unborn babies without George Tiller." **(AP)**

Poll Shows Deep Anger Over Bill

Opponents of health care law say country is on the wrong track

Washington

The health care debate has generated intense levels of frustration among the bill's opponents, and those who say they are outright angry almost universally believe that the country is going in the wrong direction — some say toward an America they no longer recognize.

Of the 26 percent of people who described themselves as "angry" about the new law in a Washington Post poll, virtually all also said the country was on the wrong track. In follow-up interviews, many went beyond health care as they spoke of their misgivings about the changes taking place around them.

"I grew up in the '50s," said Hugh Pearson, 63, a retired builder from Bakersfield, Calif. "That was a wonderful time. Nobody was getting rich, nobody was doing everything big. But it was 'Ozzie and Harriet' days, 'Leave It to Beaver'-type stuff. Now we have all this MTV, expose-yourself stuff, and we have no morality left, not even by the legislators."

ROBYN BECK/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Tea Party supporters protest health care reform on Tuesday in Searchlight, Nev.

Pearson and others described a rising concern about a government they think is taking from the many and giving to the few.

Tricia Farmer, 42, a pension administrator in Glenville, N.Y., said she is a Republican who worries about the world her children will inherit.

"What I worry about is that they aren't going to have the choices that we had," she said. "There are going to be mandates for everything. Mandates and taxes, more and more, a heavier burden on them. I'm feeling we're headed toward a socialist society, and I feel that it's not going to be reversible if it keeps going the way that it is."

> **"I'm feeling we're headed toward a socialist society."**
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> — **TRICIA FARMER,** 42, LAYING OUT HER POLITICAL VIEWS IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE WASHINGTON POST.

In the late-March poll, the "angry" population overlapped generally with those who identified as Republicans. They were overwhelming white (94 percent) and conservative (73 percent).

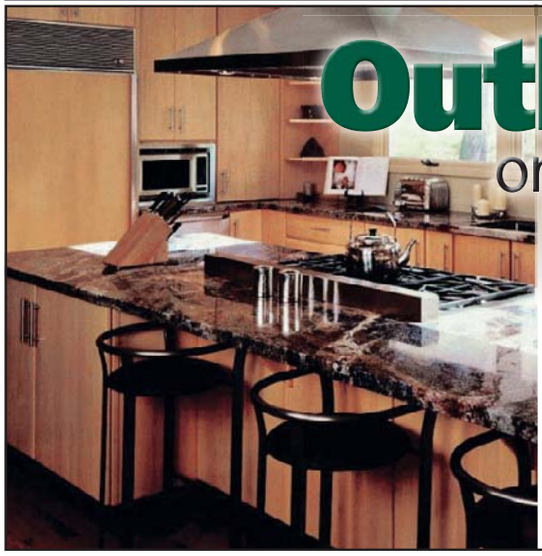
Much of the language echoed that of the vocal, conservative "Tea Party" movement, and conservative talk radio and blogs.

"The Tea Party activists represent Middle America. They are the hardworking Americans who see their country eroding in front of their eyes," said Chris Domsch of suburban Kansas City, Mo.

SANDHYA SOMASHEKHAR AND PERRY BACON JR. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

TYPOS

Perhaps the best thing the Republican National Committee can say about this week is that it is almost over. First came news that the RNC paid $1,946 for a visit by young Republicans to a sex-themed club — money that is being returned. Now it turns out the RNC listed a phone-sex number on a fundraising letter sent to potential donors. People who tried to call the RNC were instead offered "live, one-on-one talk with a nasty girl." The RNC blamed a typo for the mistake. **(AP)**



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Officials say boost in fuel efficiency will save drivers money

Washington

Drivers will have to pay more for cars and trucks, but they'll also save at the pump under tough new federal rules aimed at boosting mileage, cutting emissions and hastening the next generation of fuel-stingy hybrids and electric cars.

The new standards, announced Thursday, call for a 35.5 miles-per-gallon average within six years, up nearly 10 mpg from now.

By setting national standards for fuel efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions from tailpipes, the government hopes to squeeze out more miles per gallon whether you buy a tiny Smart for two micro car, a rugged Dodge Ram pickup truck or something in between.

The rules will cost consumers an estimated $434 extra per vehicle in the 2012 model year and $926 per vehicle by 2016, the government said. But the heads of the Transportation Department and Environmental Protection Agency said car owners would save more than $3,000 over the lives of their vehicles through better gas mileage.

The requirements for the 2012-2016 model years pleased environmentalists who have criticized sluggish efforts by previous administrations to boost fuel efficiency. They also were welcomed by automakers who have been seeking a single standard after California and a dozen states tried to create their own rules. **KEN THOMAS (AP)**

Meanwhile ...

Car shoppers flocked to showrooms last month, lured by big promotions from Toyota and other automakers that could persist into the spring. Toyota's unprecedented incentives pushed up its U.S. sales 41 percent in March. General Motors Co. reported a 21 percent jump in new vehicles sales on Thursday, while Ford's climbed nearly 40 percent and Honda Motor Co.'s rose 23 percent over March last year. **(AP)**

Waterlogged in Rhode Island

GRETCHEN ERTL/AP

EDDIE FLOYD MOVES FURNITURE from his wet basement on Thursday in Cranston, R.I., as floodwaters recede from his home. Rhode Island's governor and congressional delegation are calling on the federal government to step up with aid to help the state cope with flood cleanup. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano will tour the state on Friday.

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ARMÉE INDIGÈNE.

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DISCOVERIES

For years, Haiti's government has sought out the pamphlets on which the country's founders declared that they had thrown off their colonial masters, ended slavery and created the world's first black republic. Now historians say a graduate student has found what might be the only copy left. Duke University says one of its students, Julia Garfield, found a copy of the declaration while combing through papers at Britain's National Archives in London. **(AP)**

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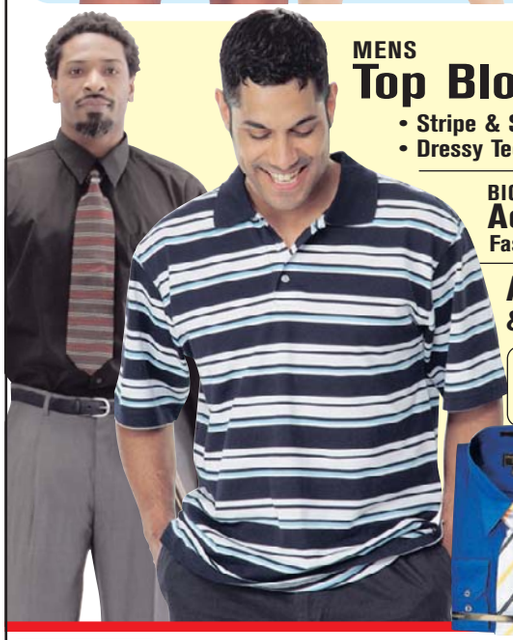

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Tourists attend the reopening of Peru's Incan citadel of Machu Picchu Thursday.

MACHU PICCHU, PERU

Incan Citadel Reopens

The famed Incan citadel of Machu Picchu reopened to tourists Thursday after a two-month closure due to floods that washed out the rail link to the mountaintop ruins. Tourism Vice Minister Mara Seminario said hundreds of foreign visitors—including actress Susan Sarandon—entered the ruins. **(AP)**

BEIJING

Hu to Attend Nuclear Security Summit in U.S.

China's president will attend a nuclear security summit in Washington this month, signaling a fresh start between the superpowers amid a chill in relations over Beijing's unhappiness with U.S. arms sales to Taiwan and a meeting with the Dalai Lama. It was unclear prior to Thursday whether President Hu Jintao would attend the event. **(AP)**

NAIROBI, KENYA

U.S. Navy Captures Five Pirates After Ambush

The USS Nicholas, a guided missile frigate, was tracking a small gang of Somali pirates early Thursday when the pirates opened fire in Indian Ocean waters, the U.S. military said. The Nicholas returned fire, disabled the skiff and detained three suspects. The Americans found two more bandits on a nearby mothership. **(AP)**

BISSAU, GUINEA-BISSAU

PM Under House Arrest

Mutinous soldiers seized the head of Guinea-Bissau's armed forces Thursday and placed the country's prime minister, Carlos Gomes Jr., under house arrest in an apparent coup attempt in the tiny coup-plagued nation where the president was assassinated last year. **(AP)**

Karzai: Foreigners Ruined Vote

Afghan president says U.N. interfered in fraudulent election

Kabul

Afghan President Hamid Karzai on Thursday lashed out at the United Nations and other foreigners in the country, accusing them of intentionally undermining Afghanistan's electoral process, the parliament and his own ability to be an effective leader.

Karzai's comments escalated a political battle that began when he signed a presidential decree in February that revised Afghanistan's elections law to give him more power to appoint the members of what had been a U.N.-led commission that investigates voting fraud. On Wednesday, the lower house of the parliament rejected that decree in a significant rebuke to Karzai, which he called unconstitutional.

Karzai did not directly cite the United States in his comments to a gathering of Afghan election officials, although he is under heavy pressure from the Obama administration to do more to fight his government's pervasive corruption. In his first visit to Afghanistan as commander in chief this week, President Obama urged Karzai to step up his efforts.

Karzai said Thursday that there was "massive interference from foreigners" in the election. After the first-round balloting, he was stripped of nearly 1 million votes.

LIU JIN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

"No doubt, there was massive fraud. ... That was not done by the Afghans. The foreigners did that."

—**HAMID KARZAI,** AFGHAN PRESIDENT

Foreigners "don't want the parliamentary election to take place," Karzai said. "They also want the parliament to be like me, battered and wounded. They want me to be an illegitimate president, and they want the parliament to be illegitimate."

Karzai singled out Peter Galbraith, the former deputy of the U.N. mission in Kabul, who was fired in a dispute over the U.N.'s handling of fraud in the Aug. 20 poll.

Galbraith said that when he first heard Karzai was accusing him of organizing fraud, he thought it "must be an April Fools' joke."

"Karzai is unhinged if he expects anyone to believe such a bizarre accusation," Galbraith wrote in an e-mail. **JOSHUA PARTLOW (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

Abuse Scandal Weighs on Catholic Leaders

Vatican City

Cardinals across Europe used their Holy Thursday sermons to defend Pope Benedict XVI from accusations he played a role in covering up sex abuse scandals, and an increasingly angry Vatican sought to deflect any criticism in the Western media.

The relationship between the church and the media has become increasingly bitter as the scandal buffeting the 1 billion-member church has touched the pontiff himself. On Wednesday, the church singled out the New York Times for criticism in an unusually harsh attack.

On Holy Thursday, Benedict first celebrated a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica dedicated to the union between the pope and the world's priests. In the late afternoon, he washed the feet of 12 priests in a ceremony symbolizing humility and commemorating Christ's Last Supper with his 12 apostles on the evening before his Good Friday crucifixion.

CHRISTOPHE SIMON/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Pope Benedict XVI celebrates the Holy Thursday Chrism Mass as part of Holy Week at St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Thursday.

Although there were expectations by some that the pope would address the crisis, Benedict made no reference to the scandal.

Venice's Cardinal Angelo Scola expressed solidarity with Benedict in his Holy Thursday homily in the lagoon city, describing him as a victim of "deceitful accusations." He praised the pope as seeking to remove all "dirt" from the priesthood.

Warsaw Archbishop Kazimierz Nycz said the church should take notice of individual tragedies and treat abuse cases very seriously, but he criticized the media for "targeting the whole church, targeting the pope, and to that we must say 'no' in the name of truth and in the name of justice."

And Vienna's Cardinal Christoph Schoenborn, speaking of Benedict's long years as head of a Vatican office that investigates abuse, said the future pope "had a very clear line of not covering up but clearing up." **VICTOR L. SIMPSON (AP)**

World

India Launches World's Largest Head Count

Yearlong census aims to create national IDs for 1.2 billion citizens

New Delhi

India began a yearlong census of its billion-plus population Thursday in which it plans to photograph and fingerprint every citizen over the age of 15 to create a national database and then issue its first national identity cards.

About 2.5 million census-takers began traveling across more than 630,000 villages and 5,000 cities in an effort to visit every structure serving as a home, from tin shanties to skyscrapers, in what the government calls the world's largest administrative exercise.

For the first time, they will note the availability of toilets, drinking water and electricity, and the type of building materials to create a comprehensive picture of housing in India. They will also take fingerprints and photographs of each person and collect information on Internet, mobile phone and bank account use.

AURABH DAS/AP

Commuters travel on a street in the old city area of New Delhi, India, Thursday.

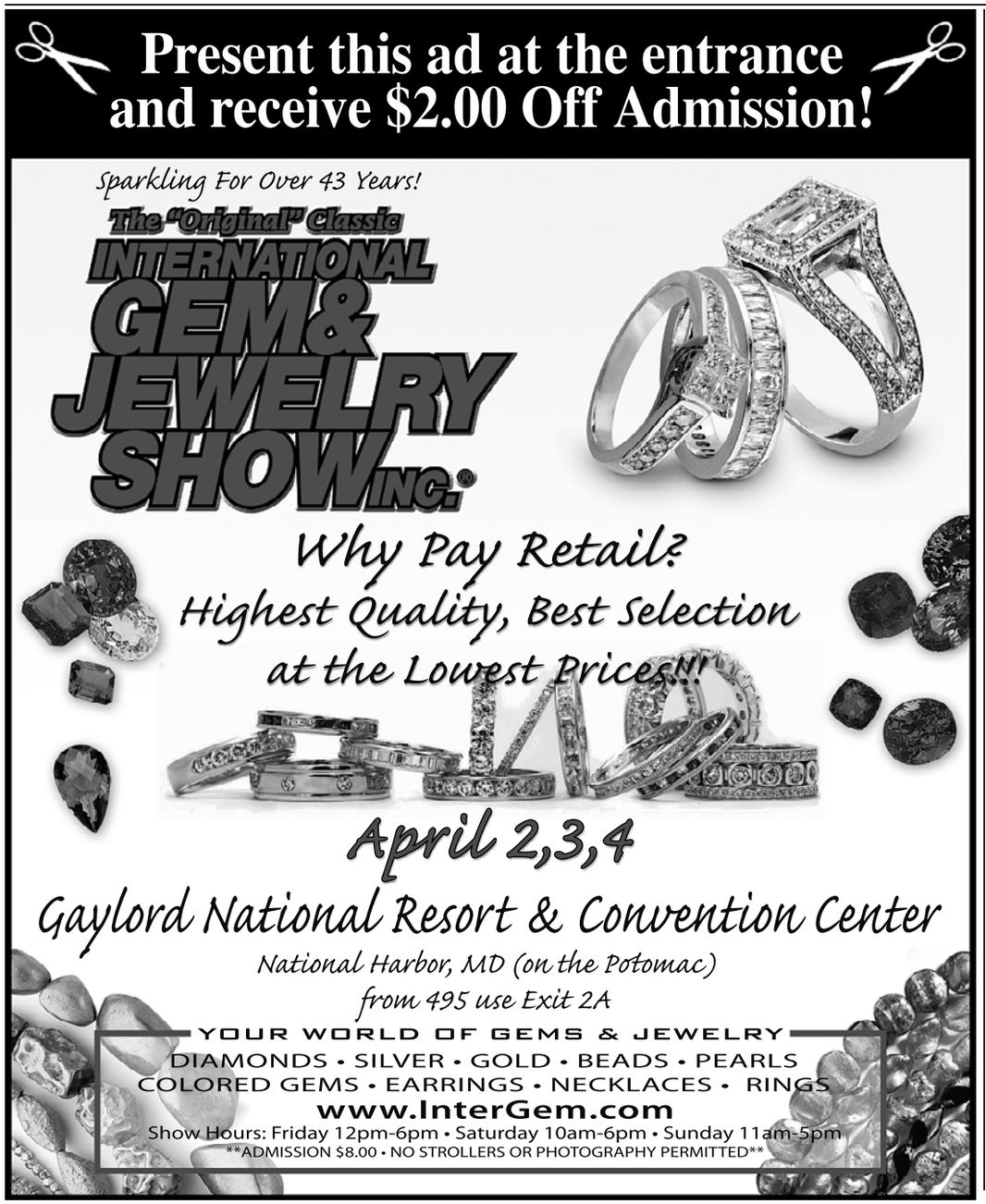
The census-takers — mostly local government officials or schoolteachers — also plan to include millions of homeless people who sleep on railway platforms, under bridges and in parks.

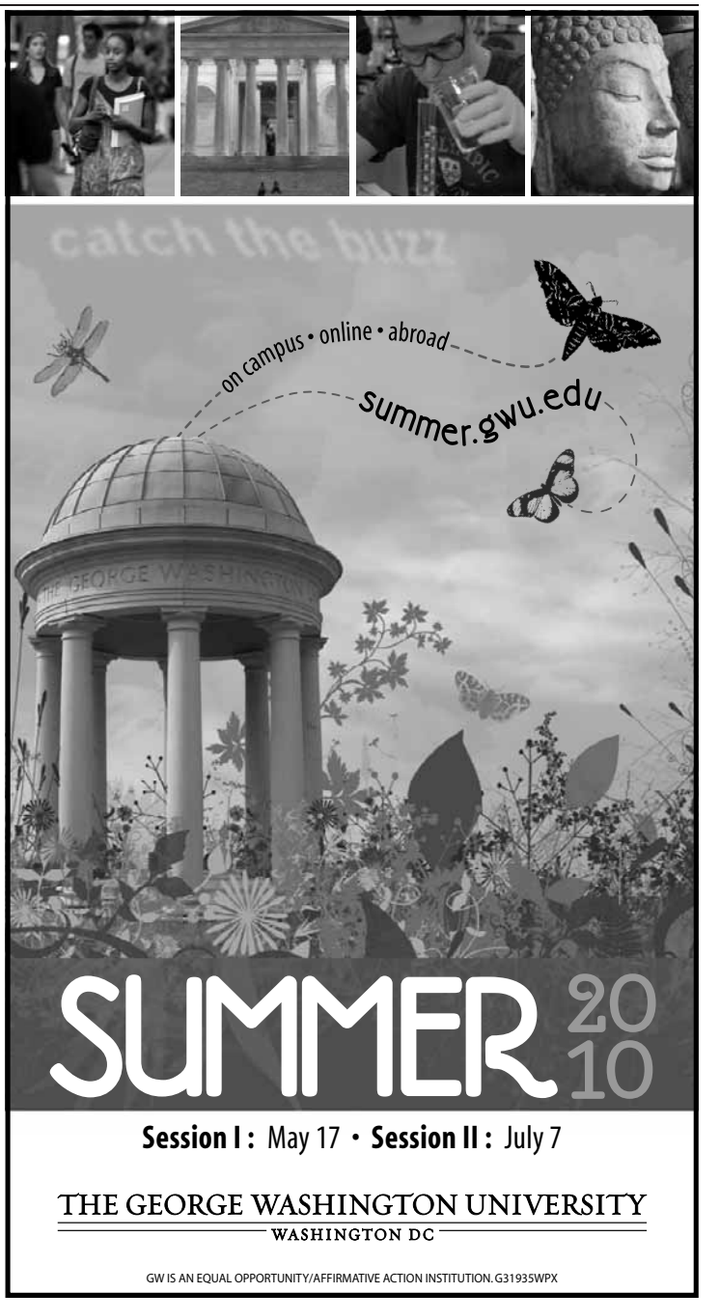
So far, India has not had a system of national identity cards. The collection of fingerprints and photographs will be linked with another massive exercise launched last year to assign every Indian an identity number.

"It is for the first time in human history that an attempt is being made to identify, count, enumerate and record, and eventually issue an identity card to 1.2 billion people," Home Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram said.

The total cost is expected to reach $1.2 billion, the government said.

Most Indians welcome the ID cards, saying they will reduce the need for multiple ID papers and make it easier to receive government services. **MUNEEZA NAQVI (AP)**





The Apple of Their Eye

Excited gadget lovers see the iPad as the missing link in their digital lifestyles

Seattle

People who lined up to buy the first iPhone knew what they were paying hundreds of dollars for: a new cell phone that promised to be better. Apple Inc.'s newest gadget, the iPad tablet computer, falls into a category that's foreign to most people.

And yet plenty of them have already happily dropped $500 or more for a device they've never seen, in the hopes it will be some previously unidentified missing link in their digital lifestyles.

Apple won't say how many iPads it has sold in advance of their debut Saturday, and it's hard to predict how many people will camp overnight and swamp Apple stores, as they did for last summer's launch of the most recent iPhone.

People like Matthew Rice won't be ripping open any boxes Saturday, but only because he chose an $829 iPad with a "3G" data connection, which won't ship until late April. He has owned four iPhones and just about every model of iPod ever produced. He uses an iMac at home and a MacBook Air laptop on the road.

But despite his near-complete catalog of Apple goods, Rice can find holes for the iPad to fill. It will be perfect for carting around PDF versions of scientific articles he needs to read for his job, he says. And Rice, an avid photographer, hopes it will be a way to hand people an "album" and let them flip through photos of his travels.

It's that type of talk that has John Doerr, an early investor in Google Inc. and Amazon.com Inc., saying the iPad is "going to rule the world. It feels like you are touching the future."

But even he has trouble explaining why people already equipped with powerful laptops, lightweight netbooks and fancy mobile phones will feel compelled to buy an iPad.

"I don't think we can anticipate the great new applications and uses that will be created," Doerr said.

But it's not only Apple diehards have been swept up in iPad hype.

Nick Braccia, a creative director at a digital advertising agency in San Francisco, uses a BlackBerry phone and music player that connects to the Rhapsody subscription service rather than Apple's iTunes. But when he learned that the iPad's starting price was $499, he was sold. Braccia, 34, thinks he'll use his iPad for surfing the Web over morning coffee, for reading books and maybe for watching movies.

He justifies it as a smart purchase for work, because his clients make video games. "Professionally, I feel I should have at least one of those products in my pocket. Or my bag. Because an iPad isn't going to fit in my pocket," he says. (AP)

Early Reviews

A couple notable technology writers got their hands on the iPad early. Here are their takes on the device:

WALT MOSSBERG WALL STREET JOURNAL
Mossberg generally liked the device, calling it a possible "game changer" on the level of the iPhone, but noted it might be a tough sell at first. "If people see the iPad mainly as an extra device to carry around, it will likely have limited appeal."

DAVID POGUE THE NEW YORK TIMES
Pogue split up his review into two parts, one for techies and one for "everyone else." Each half started describing the tablet as "a gigantic iPod touch," but he came to different conclusions: For techies, it's limited. For everyone else, it's great. "If you like the concept, you'll love the machine," he writes. (EXPRESS)

But How Will It Sell?

Much of the buzz surrounding the forthcoming iPad, which is due in stores on Saturday, is numbers-based: How many iPads can Apple sell? And, more important, will the iPad tablet match the strong initial sales of the iPhone? Back in 2007, Apple managed to sell 1 million iPhones in 74 days; by comparison, sales of the iPod, launched in 2001, remained relatively low until the device took off. The iPad might be more like that iPod than the iPhone — a groundbreaking device that eventually opens up a new market. (CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR)

Work Comes First

The iPad, billed by Apple executives as a digital book reader, video player and gaming platform, isn't just for fun and games. Many companies and employees are buying the iPad to use it as a tool for business-related communications and keeping employees productive while they're on the go, said Charlie Wolf, an analyst at Needham & Co. In fact, more than half of people surveyed recently by Zogby International said they would use a tablet device such as the iPad for working outside the office. (BLOOMBERG)

52
Percentage of respondents who said they would most likely use a tablet for work.

48
Percentage of respondents who said they would use a tablet for watching movies or TV.

35
Percentage of respondents who said they would play games on a tablet.

Local

Metro Hires Calif. Man As Safety Director

Washington

Metro has appointed James M. Dougherty, the former director of safety for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, as its chief safety officer, according to a press release.

The transit agency said Dougherty, 52, will begin his job on April 19.

"I feel extremely privileged to join Metro," Dougherty said in a press release.

"This agency and its dedicated employees provide a vital service to our nation's capital area. I will remember that millions of people rely on Metro daily, and it's our duty to ensure they get where they want to go and then get home safely."

The safety position has been vacant since December. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Gray: It's Wait-and-See for Rhee

Mayoral hopeful says D.C. chancellor's fate unclear if he's elected

Washington

D.C. Council chairman and newly announced mayoral candidate Vincent C. Gray said he would decide whether to retain schools Chancellor Michelle A. Rhee only after he is elected, and raised "burnout" and her impending marriage to Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson as issues he would want to discuss with her.

Rhee was appointed in 2007 by Mayor Adrian M. Fenty, who will face Gray in the September primary, and has said she is fully prepared for a commuter marriage with Johnson. The couple are scheduled to wed in September. But Gray, in an interview Wednesday following a community forum organized by critics of Rhee — featuring her predecessor, former superintendent Clifford B. Janey — wondered whether she would want to continue.

BILL O'LEARY/TWP; ANDREW HARRER/BLOOMBERG

Vincent Gray, left, is concerned that Michelle Rhee, right, may end up "burned out."

Meanwhile ...

Mayor Adrian M. Fenty's budget blueprint, proposed Thursday, will do "more with less," eliminating hundreds of jobs and freezing employee pay raises. To close an estimated $500 million gap, the city will raise hourly parking meter rates in some areas by a quarter, increase the city's 911 fee and impose a 1 percent tax on hospitals.

"She's apparently getting married later this year," Gray said. "Her spouse obviously can't move here. So, the question that would be germane to me is: Does she want to commute 3,000 miles in order to be with her spouse? People get burned out in these jobs. I was a department director for four years at [the D.C. Department of Human Services] and after four years you burn out. It's good to go do something else at that stage. So, that would be all part of the conversation."

Rhee declined to comment.

Gray did say that if Rhee remained, he would need to see from her a renewed commitment to engaging parents and school communities in her decision making. He said Rhee underestimated the impact of the changes that came with mayoral control, and that with the elimination of the D.C. Board of Education, many constituents feel cut off.

"It would have made her life a lot easier, I think, if there had been a real effort to engage the parents and the community," he said.

BILL TURQUE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

National Zoo Starts Giant Panda Pregnancy Watch

Washington

The National Zoo said Thursday that the crucial period in Washington's annual Giant Panda pregnancy watch began this week, when experts detected the start of a rise in hormone levels in its adult female, Mei Xiang.

Once these levels start to rise, it is usually 40 to 50 days till the panda gives birth or concludes what scientists call a false pregnancy, which is common in pandas.

The zoo has tried to breed Mei Xiang for eight years. She gave birth to Tai Shan in 2005. This year is perhaps the most important. The adult pandas are here on a 10-year loan from China that expires later this year. MICHAEL A. RUANE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Mei Xiang, 11, was artificially inseminated Jan. 9 and 10 by zoo officials.

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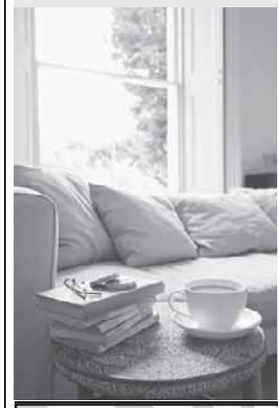
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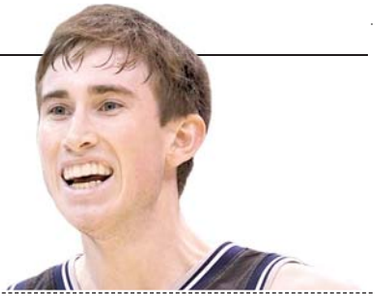

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Saturday

5 P.M. It's not the Kentucky Derby, but horse racing fans will have their eyes on the Wood Memorial and the Santa Anita Derby. NBC

6 P.M. Butler and Michigan State tip off in a battle of No. 5 seeds before Duke takes on West Virginia in the men's Final Four. CBS

7 P.M. Can the Capitals regain some momentum late in the season with a game against the Columbus Blue Jackets? CSN

Sunday

1 P.M. Because LeBron James is always on national TV, the Cavaliers play the Celtics, and then the Lakers play the Spurs. ABC

3 P.M. The Houston Open wraps up a day before Tiger-mania invades the Masters. NBC

6 P.M. The bad Wizards play the awful Nets. CSN

7 P.M. It's Oklahoma against Stanford and Baylor versus Connecticut in the women's Final Four. ESPN

8 P.M. Baseball begins with the Red Sox taking on the Yankees. Like that's not cliché. ESPN2

You Remember Zim?

The Nats' forgotten franchise player eyes a hot start to the year

The Nationals

You'd hardly know he was there.

The spring training drama has been all about can't-miss pitching prospects and rookie shortstops. Will they make the club — and if not now, when? And who exactly is the right fielder?

But after the final roster decisions have all been made and the president tosses out the first pitch on opening day, the most important player on the Washington Nationals remains Ryan Zimmerman, the forgotten face of the franchise.

And that's a description he's not likely to complain about. The third baseman, a five-year veteran at age 25, has swung a hot bat all spring, following a breakout season in which for the first time he was protected in the lineup by legitimate professional hitters in Adam Dunn and Josh Willingham.

With those two following him in the order, Zimmerman, the Nationals' No. 3 hitter since 2006, hit .292 with 33 home runs and 106 RBI. He won both the Silver Slugger and Gold Glove awards, given to the best offensive and defensive players at each position.

Given his exhibition stats, he should be getting a lot more attention leading up to the season. But the spring buzz has focused on a pair of 2009 first-round draft picks, starter Stephen Strasburg and reliever Drew Storen; the new starting shortstop, 24-year-old Ian Desmond; and the void left in right field after Elijah Dukes was released.

Few have noticed that Zimmerman was hitting .392 with six home runs and 12 RBI through Wednesday. He's determined to be more consistent, he said, lamenting a sluggish finish last year in which his batting average fell 10 points in the season's final month.

"I'm getting to the point now where I feel almost there," Zimmerman told reporters last week. "I'm happy with what I've done."

The Nationals finished 2009 with 103 losses and the worst record in baseball for the second-straight year. Any club coming off two seasons like that is bound to be burdened by questions about offense, defense and pitching. The Nationals are no different.

And though spring training statistics are rarely accurate indicators of success, Zimmerman's March is a reminder that he is not one of those question marks.

"I don't put any stock into anything in spring," Zimmerman said. "As long as I can feel comfortable and, more important, stay healthy, then I think you're going to be ready. Once the season starts, you are who you are." DEREK TURNER

CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

Ryan Zimmerman swung a hot bat all spring, but will it translate into the best season of his career? He'll find out starting Monday against the Philadelphia Phillies.

"I'm trying to get back to where I was last year and try and do that for a whole season instead of three-quarters of a season."

— RYAN ZIMMERMAN, LOOKING TO IMPROVE AFTER TAILING OFF LAST YEAR.

Lineup Card

	ORIGINAL	POS.	CHANGE
1	Nyjer Morgan	CF	
2	Ian Desmond	SS	
3	Ryan Zimmerman	3B	
4	Adam Dunn	1B	
5	Josh Willigham	LF	
6	Adam Kennedy	2B	
7	Ivan Rodriguez	C	
8	Willie Harris	RF	
9	John Lannan	P	

Projected for Monday's Opening Day.

SAFETY

After accidentally hitting his mother with a foul ball in a spring training game, Minnesota Twins center fielder Denard Span says he thinks baseball teams should extend the netting that protects fans. Fans sitting behind home plate are protected from foul balls by netting. But most ballparks stop the netting before the dugouts — near where Wanda Wilson was sitting on Wednesday when she was hit in the chest by a line drive from her son. She wasn't seriously hurt. (AP)

D.C. Seeks Home Improvement

As United spruces up RFK, its quest for a new home continues

Major League Soccer

D.C. United is doing what it can to spruce up RFK Stadium for Saturday night's home opener against New England. Huge new banners adorn the façade, new concessionaires such as Ben's Chili Bowl and Ledo Pizza were added inside, and rapper Wale will perform on the Armory Mall before kickoff.

The effort is admirable, but it glosses over a frustrating truth. United is beginning a 15th season inside the crumbling money pit on East Capitol Street, and its inability to secure a stadium of its own has become a source of frustration for the club, its fans and MLS. While expansion teams and lower-profile organizations that can't come close to matching D.C.'s trophy haul build their own facilities — there will be nine by season's end and two more next year — United has been thwarted.

"I am tired of going down for meetings and getting back-slapped, and faux press conferences with mayors and local city officials to have them backtrack because they can't get out of their own way," MLS Commissioner Don Garber said last week.

PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/AP

RFK Stadium has been home to D.C. United for the team's entire 14 -year history — a sore subject for club and league officials.

> **"It is frustrating, and at some point, we're going to have to do something about it."**
>
> — MLS COMMISSIONER DON GARBER, WHO IS FED UP WITH THE LACK OF PROGRESS ON A D.C. SOCCER STADIUM.

D.C.'s situation isn't desperate, but it's getting there. The club that was the league's flagship is in danger of falling behind. A 4-0 opening loss in Kansas City last weekend hasn't helped, but President Kevin Payne has faith his young team will gel and that United "will find a stadium solution in this region that is a good one long term."

It's been quiet since proposals for Poplar Point and Prince George's County fell through, but Payne said United "continues to be very diligent" in its search for a relatively urban location convenient to mass transit.

"We have been having quiet conversations in Virginia and in D.C. with several different developers, and a little bit with the city. And, of course, Baltimore and the Maryland Stadium Authority are under way with their feasibility study," Payne said. "I'd rather spend more time and get the right location. I'm confident we'll get something done." BRIAN STRAUS

Caps' Carlson Goes a Long Way in a Short Time

The Capitals

Whenever John Carlson gets a text or a phone call from friends and family back home in the Boston area, he invariably hears a different version of the same question: "Where are you now?" And considering the whirlwind of a year the 20-year-old defenseman has had, it's no wonder.

Last April, Carlson was a junior hockey player in London, Ontario, Canada. By June, he was holding up the Calder Cup as a member of the Washington Capitals' AHL affiliate in Hershey, Pa. Then in January, Carlson became a part of American hockey lore by scoring the game-winning overtime goal in the United States' 6-5 win over Canada in the gold medal game of the World Junior Championships. Now he's an integral — and the youngest — member of the NHL's best team as it begins its final preparations for a Stanley Cup run.

"Everyone always says, 'Geez, you have a crazy life,'" said Carlson. "It's what you have to do as a hockey player ... but you can't really prepare for how much traveling I did this year."

Teaming primarily with Shaone Morrisonn, Carlson has been largely mistake-free defensively, and his strong right-handed shot has hit the crossbar several times since his call-up on March 3. He scored his first goal last week against Carolina.

GREG FIUME/GETTY IMAGES

The Caps' John Carlson has scored his share of famous goals in his brief career.

But it's his World Juniors goal that he's famous for, something Carlson was reminded of when Alex Ovechkin asked him about it. Morrisonn, a Canadian and Carlson's elder by seven years, still wonders about it, saying, "I'm sure he's got some pretty good stories from the parties afterwards."

"You can't pay enough money to get those experiences," added Carlson. "You can't learn from reading in a book how those things go." MARK GIANNOTTO

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Redskins' Priority Should Be the Line

Forget Sam Bradford or Jimmy Clausen. Colt McCoy seems out of the question anyway, and Tim Tebow isn't exactly top-10 material.

The Washington Redskins' new regime deserves kudos for doing their due diligence ahead of next month's NFL draft.

By Matt Swenson

After all, there's no harm in bringing Clausen, the former Notre Dame quarterback, to town on Friday as The Washington Post says has been scheduled. The team would also be foolish not to see Bradford, the ex-Oklahoma star who is destined be to the top overall pick.

Tebow is a true curiosity given that his leadership skills appear to be dazzling teams even as he's still learning to throw the football like a professional (or as close as he can).

> **Oklahoma State's Russell Okung would be an ideal replacement at left tackle for the retired Chris Samuels.**

Yes, the Redskins need a long-term solution at quarterback, and with the No. 4 choice in the draft, they have the chance to fill that hole. But more pressing, and overlooked for far too long, is the need for a younger, stronger offensive line.

By all reports, Oklahoma State's Russell Okung would be an ideal replacement at left tackle for the retired Chris Samuels.

General Manager Bruce Allen and coach Mike Shanahan can prove they have the right priorities with this first pick. A strong offensive line would let Shanahan open up his offense. Ignoring the line would be just more of the same at Redskins Park.

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The 'Hoosiers' State of Mind

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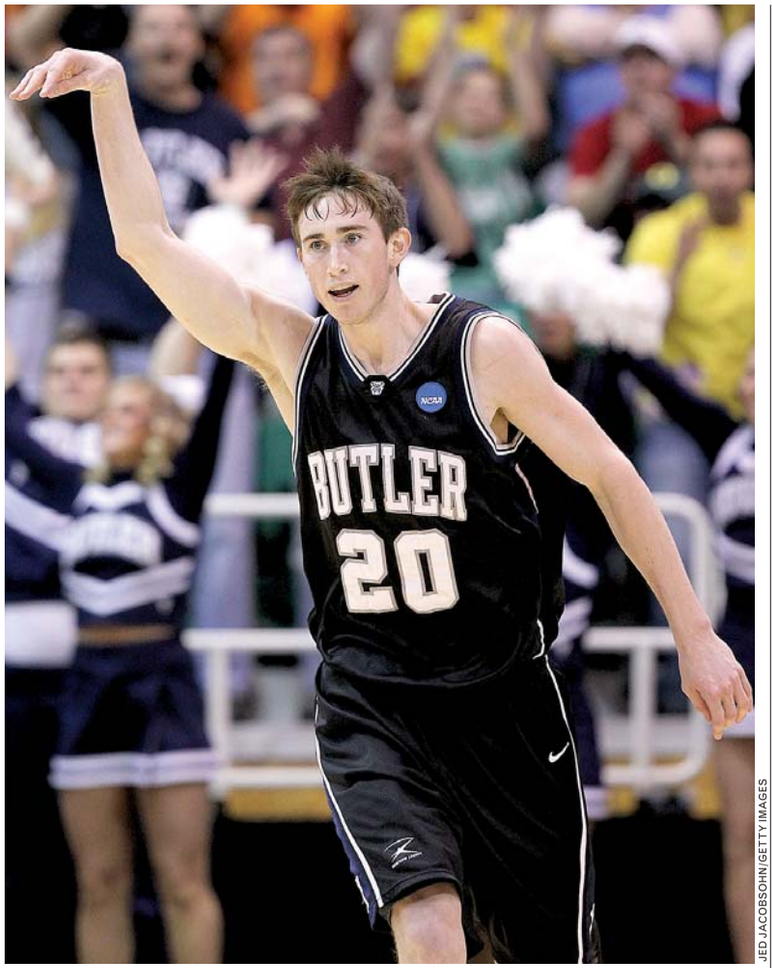
Nearly 60 years after tiny Milan High — enrollment 161 — knocked off Muncie Central — enrollment 1,800 — to win the 1954 Indiana state championship, an upset later immortalized in the movie "Hoosiers," the current batch of Indians find themselves hoping for a sequel.

"I'm rooting for Butler," said senior Alex Walter, a small forward for the Indians who will be the valedictorian of his class of 103 later this spring.

"They're actually playing smart," sophomore guard John Herzog added.

Hey, it's the Indiana way. Always has been, long before the Bulldogs and star Gordon Hayward — who is from the Indianapolis suburbs — knocked off top-seeded Syracuse and second-seeded Kansas State to move on to the first Final Four in school history.



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Butler forward Gordon Hayward has emerged as the biggest star of the Bulldogs, who are hoping their run in the NCAA tournament doesn't come to an end Saturday against Michigan State.

Their somewhat improbable run has helped put the spotlight back on Milan and star Bobby Plump, who hit the game-winning jumper that lifted the Indians past the Bearcats and into legend.

Hayward could take his place in the books. After all, he's already had a "Hoosiers" moment. Two years ago, in the Indiana 4A state championship game, the Brownsburg center caught a long inbound pass, turned and connected on a short buzzer-beating jumper to knock off longtime power Marion 40-39. Hayward hasn't let his teammates forget, and they can still watch the replay, like his rap song, on You Tube.

At Butler, Hayward's added to his fame. He's not just a forward; he's a point forward. He's not just a basketball player; he's an academic All-American. And he's also likely to be a pro player.

Thanks to his exploits, the school that has always been overshadowed by Indiana, Purdue and Notre Dame has suddenly become the new darling in a state steeped in basketball tradition. Reporters from coast to coast are converging on the 4,500-student campus to get a glimpse of historic Hinkle Fieldhouse and the new star.

"It's been kind of crazy, real, real intense here," Hayward said Tuesday, three days after the Bulldogs clinched the school's first regional title. "People are always talking about it, and it feels like that's all people are talking about." (AP)

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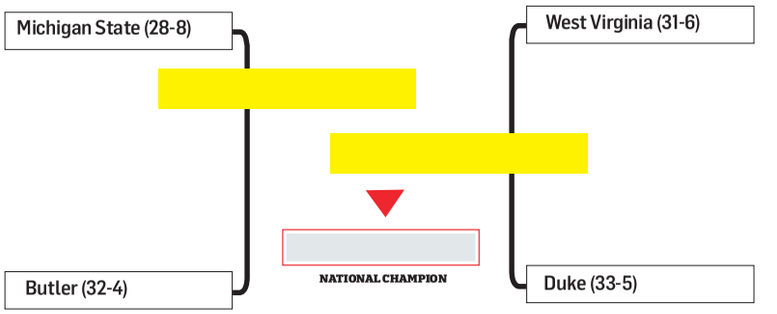

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Women's College Hoops

necticut to last year's Final Four. The lone newcomer in this year's group is Baylor, making its first Final Four appearance since winning the national title in 2005.

Beating Connecticut in the semifi-

four previous games by an average of 47 points.

What Baylor (27-9) has going for it is Brittney Griner, the dunking 6-foot-8 freshman phenom whose ability is unlike any other player in the country. Already Griner has set an NCAA tournament record with 35 blocks in four games. She had 14 alone in a second-round victory over Georgetown.

Baylor also isn't intimidated.

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Sophie Dahl

FORMER MODEL, FOOD WRITER, BALLET-SHOE FAN

In another age (well, about a decade ago), Sophie Dahl inspired lust as a plus-size model. (That was her creamy, dreamy bod in those sexy Opium perfume ads.) Now, the svelter Brit has reinvented herself as a writer and foodie. Her new cookbook, "Miss Dahl's Voluptuous Delights" ($35, William Morrow), details her decadent-yet-healthy recipes (Grilled Papaya With Lime, Buckwheat Risotto With Wild Mushrooms) and how she made peace with her body image.

Why is the word "voluptuous" in your book title?

It's a bit of an in-joke. When I was modeling, my name always came with a preface — I was always "the voluptuous Sophie Dahl." I think for me, voluptuous defines the food balance I ascribe to. You can have your cake and eat it, too. Just don't have 10 pieces.

What's your cooking style?

I deviate toward comfort food, definitely. I associate it with childhood and nostalgia. But it's on the healthy side.

It sounds English, in a good way, especially since U.K. food is so big right now.

It is an exciting time for cooking in England. There's innovation going on. I love Hugh Fearnley, who is all about the quality of the ingredients. And I'm a massive fan of Nigella's. I've cooked her cover to cover.

What do you cook for parties?

I'm not mad for sit-down, course-by-course meals. I like one big heaving table with a smorgasbord of food.

What do you cook for your husband [jazz musician Jamie Cullum]?

He's very keen on a straightforward English roast. And he makes the best poached eggs ever. He does that twirly water thing, so they look like little nests.

What cooking tools do you like?

I love my KitchenAid mixer for making cakes. It's that pale, primrose-y yellow one.

Has fashion's attitude toward curvier women changed since you were modeling?

It's always going to be tricky. Curvy girls are still an anomaly on the runway, so I think things haven't completely changed.

You used to strut the runway in stilettos. What do you wear now?

I wear jeans, granny cardigans, T-shirts and ballet shoes from the ballet shop — they're jolly comfortable. It's easy, if you're home writing, to stay in PJs all day. But I try to get up and dress as if I'm going out. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

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For Sophie Dahl's recipe for Fava Bean Salad With Pecorino and Asparagus, please visit **expressnightout.com**

Event Horizon | Fashion Show and Shopping

Catch a rooftop runway show of clothes from Redeem, DURKL and others, plus pop-up shops of both vintage and new merch at Readysetdc.com's Fashion:District. The multi-headed style event also features drinks, DJs and an exhibit of fashion photography. Tickets $9. Wednesday, 6 p.m.-10 p.m. View 14, 2303 14th St. NW.

goods lookout

1 Patio Cool

EVERY TIME WE TRY TO NAB cool vintage deck furniture on Craigslist, some vulture (OK, early bird) gets it first. (Pink 1950s lounge chairs: Someday, we'll be together.) But Arhaus' new Marrakesh yellow wire pieces — including chairs, a bistro table and a bench (shown, $349, Arhaus, Tysons Corner Center; 703-734-9001) — summon a mood both old-fashioned and exotic. They're ideal for lounging on outdoors (or in), surfing Craigslist for a gently used grill.

2 Animal Charm

LETTING YOUR KIDDO cuddle a Walt Disney "Princess and the Frog" Ribbit Doll might stop little Jaden or Nevaeh from screaming. But the stuffed monkeys, giraffes and hippos (shown, $24-$35) from Mirasa Design (Mirasadesign.com) do the same trick, and they're made of eco-friendly cotton and sewn under fair-trade practices in India. The line, designed by D.C.'s Aashumi Shah, also includes jungle-theme wall hangings and pillows, all in sunshiny hues.

3 Bunny Business

IN EASTER BASKETS, chocolate and jelly beans typically mingle but do not date or marry. But in Co Co. Sala's new bean-studded bark (shown, $6 per package, 929 F St. NW; 202-347-4265), the two sweets meet in a yummy and clever way. White-chocolate or dark-chocolate versions are available; the cocoa-head boutique also sells dark-chocolate duck lollipops ($5) and flop-eared rabbits ($25) to turn anyone into an unusually chic cottontail.

Grab Bag

4 Give Thee Liberty

THE ARTSY PRINTS created by fashion house Liberty of London have adorned hip Brits (and their homes) since 1875. Now, the brand's delicate florals and detailed patterns have gotten a charming update, thanks to partnerships with Target (currently stocking a line of clothing and housewares) and MAC, which adorned a limited-edition collection of pinky blushes and punchy nail polishes (shown, $12, MAC stores) with a signature Liberty design of birds and posies.

5 Arora's Aurora

IN HIS NATIVE INDIA, fashion designer Manish Arora ranks among top-of-the-runway talents such as John Galliano for his colorful, kaleidoscopic pieces, which have spawned mini-collections with brands such as Puma and Swatch. But you can now scoop up the Delhi designer's detailed dresses — starring bright, abstract prints — and embroidered statement totes (shown, $450) without the overseas excursion, since they're now carried at Hu's Wear (2906 M St. NW; 202-342-2020).

Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

My husband has planned a trip for us to Paris in May. The problem is, I am a very short girl, and I always wear heels when I'm out. I understand that, given the amount of walking that one is likely to do in Paris, heels may not be practical. What is a short (but stylish!) girl to do? — STACEY

Manolo says, Paris in the springtime! The weather will be temperate, the flowers will be in bloom, and if this is your first visit, you will finally encounter, in his native element, human

society's most natural-born aristocrat: the Parisian waiter.

Forget about all of those kings and queens, dukes and counts. The truly superior being is the person who will be bringing you the bouillabaisse.

You may have heard that the waiters in Paris are rude. Nonsense! They are simply displaying the dignified sense of reserve appropriate to their exalted station. They cannot help it that your lack of eating utensils, or the undercooked state of your food, has caused you to become all shouty. It is not their problem.

Likewise, you may think your meal is brought to you because you are paying for it, as part of the commercial transaction. Ha! Your food and drinks arrive simply because your waiter has the keen sense of noblesse oblige. Serving you is the charity work Parisian waiters perform to help the less fortunate.

Look! Here is the Tiriolo from Bruno Magli ($330, Zappos.com). Cork soles for comfort and height; patent leather for sassy styling.

Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

Grab Bag goods gathered and reviewed by Jennifer Barger and Betsy Lowther. For other food, fashion, beauty and home finds, visit expressnightout.com/grabbag

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Recipe to Refresh

The long, harsh winter left us with much bigger problems than shoveling fatigue. We're talking frizzy hair (ick), flaky skin (double ick) and scaly feet that clearly saw nothing but the inside of snow boots for months.

But since a full body fix-up at Le Fancy Spa costs as much as the city's snow removal deficit, we suggest you try more wallet-friendly measures to welcome spring. For as little as the cost of lunch (and with ingredients picked up during a trip to Whole Foods), at-home treatments can turn your kitchenette into a decadent retreat. Even better: Because these DIY detoxifiers use natural ingredients — such as fresh fruit, coffee beans and even beer — you won't be slathering scary-sounding chemicals on your skin.

This guinea pig gamely tried out more than a dozen at-home spa treatments and ended up with a few favorites. (And a few duds: Namely, using a urine-soaked cotton ball on pimples. It worked, but it's as gross as it sounds.) So, open up your fridge and say spaaaaah. MEGAN ZATKO

BEER HAIR RINSE

WHY IT WORKS: The nutrients in hops add strength and shine to hair.

YOU'VE BEEN WARNED: Don't try this treatment before a big event – unless you want to smell like you work at the Big Hunt.

YOU'LL NEED:
- ¼ cup water
- 2 tbsp apple cider vinegar
- ¼ cup beer (a hoppier beer, like an IPA, is ideal)

WHAT TO DO: Mix together and use as a final rinse after conditioning, rinsing completely with warm water. Repeat every seven to 10 days.

SOURCE: BRENNAN O'FARRELL, STYLIST, BANG SALON AND SPA (1519 15TH ST. NW, 202-588-5555)

TIPS

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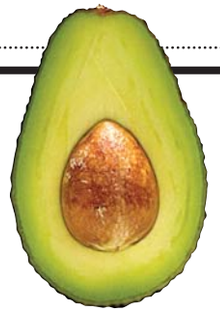
Body scrubs can get messy in the tub or shower. Place a plastic bag at the drain to catch what falls and avoid clogs.



AVOCADO FOOT SCRUB

WHY IT WORKS: A ground avocado pit is abrasive enough to break down calluses, while the fruit's rich flesh contains essential oils that nourish skin.

YOU'VE BEEN WARNED: This recipe takes time to prepare, but the results are worth it.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:
- 2 avocados (one for pit, and one ripe one for fruit)
- ¼ cup cornmeal
- 1 tbsp sea salt

WHAT TO DO: Dry out an avocado pit for a few days, then break it into several pieces with a hammer or cooking mallet. In a spice mill, coffee grinder or food processor, grind down the pit to make a gritty meal.

Scoop out second avocado and place skin aside. Mash the avocado fruit with the cornmeal, 1/4 cup of ground avocado pit and sea salt.

Gently massage the mixture into your feet in a circular motion, starting with the toes and working up to the ankles. Rinse with warm water.

Finally, take the inside of the avocado skin and rub the heel and any other callused areas. Your skin will look green at first (don't worry, it won't stain). Keep massaging for five to 10 minutes or until it no longer feels abrasive. Do not rinse off until your next shower.

SOURCE: ANGELIKA KENNEDY, SKIN THERAPIST, BLUE MERCURY (1619 CONNECTICUT AVE. NW; 202-462-1300)

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LEMON HONEY MASK

WHY IT WORKS: Lemon's citric acid closes pores and keeps skin's PH levels in check, while honey's enzymes and nutrients add an antibacterial factor to zap zits and moisturize.

YOU'VE BEEN WARNED: There's a serious sticky factor, so make sure your hair is tightly pulled back.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:
- 1 tbsp organic honey
- 1 fresh lemon

WHAT TO DO: Squeeze the juice from the lemon and remove any seeds. Mix in honey and apply to damp face. Massage into skin for several minutes, then rinse with warm water.

SOURCE: SARA DAMELIO, SKINCANDO (SKINCANDO.COM)

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Mix ingredients in a food processor or blender when possible to remove large clumps.

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Use fresh, organic produce to ensure potions are pesticide and preservative-free.

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COFFEE SCRUB

WHY IT WORKS: Most pricey cellulite treatments use caffeine to promote circulation, deep-cleanse pores and act as a diuretic by removing excess water from your dermis. Our version uses the same stimulators — but with ingredients usually reserved for your morning cup of joe.

YOU'VE BEEN WARNED: Like the store-bought potions, this isn't a scientifically vetted treatment. But the stimulating massage should help soften skin and could smooth out fatty areas.

YOU'LL NEED:
- 1 cup fresh-ground coffee
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup salt
- ½ cup coconut oil

WHAT TO DO: Mix all the ingredients. Massage into thighs, butt and other areas prone to, sigh, the cottage cheese effect for five minutes in a circular motion.

Rinse when finished. Repeat three to five times per week.

SOURCE: "ECO BEAUTY: SCRUBS, RUBS, MASK, AND BATH BOMBS FOR YOUR FRIENDS" ($20, TEN SPEED PRESS) BY LAUREN COX WITH JANICE COX

Quick Fixes

Got five minutes and a stocked fridge? Try these easy remedies.

DE-PUFF EYES

Put two thick raw potato slices over eyes for 10 minutes.

The potato's potassium and vitamin C should zap under-eye circles.

SMOOTH DRY HANDS

Mix ¼ tsp of olive oil and ¼ tsp of sugar and massage into the backs of hands.

The oil will soften skin, while the sugar will slough off dead, scaly cells.

EXFOLIATE SENSITIVE SKIN

Mix equal parts honey and brown sugar and use as a face or body scrub.

Brown sugar is gentler than granulated sugar, making it suited to sensitive skin.

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CHOCOLATE FACE MASK

WHY IT WORKS: Cocoa's natural antioxidants help clear out skin stressors that can make skin look older.

YOU'VE BEEN WARNED: It smells so good you may want to eat the leftovers.

YOU'LL NEED:
- 1/3 cup natural cocoa powder (no sugar added)
- 2 tbsp heavy cream
- 2 tsp cottage cheese
- 3 tsp honey

WHAT TO DO: Mix everything together in a large bowl.

Apply to dampened skin and leave on for 15 to 20 minutes.

Rinse with warm water. Can be used once a week.

SOURCE: SKINCARETALK.COM

BAKING SODA BLACKHEAD REMOVER

WHY IT WORKS: This gentle, quick facial uses baking soda's acid-neutralizing alkalinity and milk's lactic acid to clear out pores and lightly exfoliate.

YOU'VE BEEN WARNED: After years of store-bought lotions and potions, this seemed almost too simple to work — but it did.

YOU'LL NEED:
- 1 tbsp baking soda
- ¼ cup milk

WHAT TO DO: Mix all the ingredients together. Rub into blackhead-prone areas using a soft makeup sponge. Rinse and repeat if needed.

SOURCE: "RETURN TO BEAUTY" ($25, ATRIA BOOKS) BY NARINE MIKOGOSIAN

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For a foot scrub, hop up on the kitchen counter and apply it in the sink. Any gunky debris will end up in the garbage disposal, making cleanup much easier.

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Glasses Required

My husband remembers the first time he paid $5 for a movie. In the summer of 1975, he forked over a sawbuck to see "Jaws."

Today, you can see "How to Train Your Dragon" in 3-D IMAX for $15.50 — and that's for an adult ticket at a matinee (the evening price is $17.50). You can see "Clash of the Titans" in 3-D for the low, low price of $14.50 (save two bucks by skipping work and catching it in the afternoon).

By Kristen Page-Kirby

I don't mean to sound all Andy Rooney, but I went to the HFStival in 1994 for $15, a concert that lasted all day and included the Violent Femmes, Pavement and my then-favorite band, Toad the Wet Sprocket. (Don't judge. I was 17.)

I'm not saying 3-D — and the concurrent surge in tickets — is bad for movies. In fact, it might actually lead to better-quality blockbusters. If a family is going to drop close to $40 for a night out, I hope they'll demand a good story, not just, "Ooooo, it's coming right at us!" Maybe jacking up the price is what it takes to get people to be more selective.

Or maybe 3-D is on its way to being what color is now: an assumed part of the moviegoing experience. I laugh when my husband describes his shock at a $5 movie (he does say it was worth it); my son will probably laugh when I tell him I saw my first 3-D movie when I was 31. And then he'll put his glasses on and turn toward the screen, just like he does every time he sees a movie.

@ Comments? Give Kristen your feedback: **expressnightout.com/thereelist**

A Mythed Opportunity

What could've been campy fun is a dull exercise in drab CGI and stilted acting

Film Review

Who wants to be a god, anyway?

That's the principle twist inserted into the new "Clash of the Titans," a remake of the fondly recalled, technologically dated 1981 film about the fury of the gods of Mount Olympus and the rise of the young, earthly demigod Perseus.

This time, Perseus (Sam Worthington) bears a distaste for his godlike nature: He just wants to be a regular dude and do normal guy stuff, like ride his winged horse Pegasus on the beach.

It's perhaps a fitting updating of the film for an era marked by distrust for political leaders and Internet-empowered masses. Now, even the gods are spurned in their own movie: Deity is so out.

On Mount Olympus, that golden round table in the clouds, Zeus (Liam Neeson) is angry at an ungrateful mankind and lets loose his brother Hades (Ralph Fiennes) to destroy the city of Argos.

As a new citizen of Argos, Perseus (the son of Zeus) doesn't much like this. He sets off to defeat a number of mythical creatures, including a serpentine Medusa and the sea-dwelling Kraken.

"Titans" will likely lure moviegoers chiefly by its digital effects (which are forgettable) and its promise of 3-D spectacle (which disappoints altogether).

Like several blockbusters being released in the post-"Avatar" environment, "Clash of the Titans" was made in 2-D but converted to 3-D in post-production. Audiences will hardly notice any increased depth.

WARNER BROS.

Apparently, Greek heroes never get to shower. Oh, and that's Sam Worthington.

Worthington, the Australian actor who stared in "Avatar," trades blue skin for an equally artificial spray tan. He grits his way through the film and does plenty of dramatic leaping while brandishing a sword. But he doesn't supply the charisma that the movie needs, and the whole thing feels like a joyless slog.

Fiennes' appearances provide a jolt. Arriving always with his head curiously fixed within a cloud of swirling black smog, he knows how to make an entrance. His part is surely the best in the movie, and he's clearly having fun.

But that's not nearly enough to engender the kind of fondness people feel for the original "Clash of the Titans," campy though it is.

JAKE COYLE (AP)

Nostalgia

Heroic Dignity

Harry Hamlin — aka Perseus in the 1981 "Clash of the Titans" — was surprised when he heard about the remake. "It doesn't seem like the type of thing you would make. To me, it seemed strange and bizarre," he told the Los Angeles Times. Though he's now a fan, he says he wasn't offended when no one offered him a cameo: "To have a gag like that would be a stunt, and that's not appropriate." (EXPRESS)

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A Friendship Levels the Playing Field

Lacrosse pals bridge class boundaries at a D.C. prep school

Film Review

In the modest D.C.-based film "Toe to Toe," Jesse and Tosha are seniors on the lacrosse team at a posh suburban Washington prep school that, like a jammed go-go club (featuring the Backyard Band) and other area backdrops, will strike a familiar chord with local filmgoers.

The two protagonists of this resourceful, if occasionally forced, teen melodrama make an unlikely pair: Jesse (Louisa Krause) is the spoiled, lonely daughter of privilege who manifests emotional neediness by engaging in compulsive, promiscuous sex. Tosha (Sonequa Martin) is serious, focused and driven in her dream of getting into an Ivy League school, despite a background of financial hardship and meager social support.

As "Toe to Toe" opens, Jesse and Tosha seem well on their way to being team rivals, but instead they become improbable friends. The somber Tosha visits Jesse at her architecturally pristine mansion, and Jesse makes her first sojourn to Anacostia to take Tosha home.

The fiction debut of writer-director Emily Abt, "Toe to Toe" evinces an alert sense of the economic and racial disparities in Washington, where privilege and powerlessness exist within such dizzying proximity.

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Jesse (Louisa Krause, left) and Tosha (Sonequa Martin) form an intense bond.

"Toe to Toe" often feels like "Bend It Like Beckham" meets "Crazy/Beautiful." And with its schematic plot and characterizations, there are times when it feels less like an organic story than an essay in which social-issue boxes are being checked off with mechanistic regularity. (The most egregious example is a climactic scene of little-girl-lost grief that spills over into gratuitous histrionics.)

But "Toe to Toe" deserves credit for delving into the rich dynamics of interracial friendship and teenage social tectonics. And it features some terrific acting. In a bold, even fearless performance, Krause strikes an assured balance between emotional fragility and provocative physicality. And Martin makes an exceptionally promising debut as a young woman of catlike composure and self-possession. Her scenes with Leslie Uggams, as Tosha's vinegary grandmother, pay resonant homage to generations of anonymous self-sacrifice and fierce determination that keep hope alive.

ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

You Can't Be Serious

'Don McKay' aims for black humor but ends up feeling silly

Film Review

Film noir laced with black comedy is one of the hardest cinema styles to pull off. For a first-time director, it's even daring, since you're starting your career with a lemon if the twists and gags of your weird little mystery don't connect.

The Coen brothers did it on "Blood Simple," the film that inspired Jake Goldberger to try his hand with "Don McKay," an admirable attempt even if the film only works spottily.

"Don McKay" delivers plenty of wicked humor, thanks largely to the eager cast led by Thomas Haden Church, Elisabeth Shue and Melissa Leo. But the laughs come in disjointed fashion, the film unfolding not as a coherent story but an escalating spiral as each character one-ups the next with crazier and crazier revelations.

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Thomas Haden Church plays McKay, a school janitor immersed in craziness.

Haden Church has the title role, a school janitor quietly going about his business until one day receiving a letter from his teenage sweetheart, Sonny (Shue), the love of his life he hasn't seen in 25 years.

Don rushes back to his hometown, where Sonny tells him she's dying and wants to spend the rest of her short life with him. If that's not a strange-enough way to rekindle ancient romance, Sonny's live-in nurse, Marie (Leo), behaves more like a warden, and Don's ex is continually hazy and changeable on the details of all the years since they parted.

Suspicion and strangeness mounts as Don encounters an old friend, Sonny's jealous doctor, an amiable thug and an inquisitive taxi driver. Virtually everyone is hiding something, and Goldberger is stingy about revealing anything for much of the way.

When "Don McKay" finally spills its secrets, they come in a torrent so rapid that the movie lapses into silliness just as the suspense is supposedly peaking.

The climax remains very entertaining, but it's more of a film-noir spoof ending that feels too madcap after the long, nearly static setup Goldberger maintained early on.

Goldberger already has another project, a coming-of-age story he's writing and directing. While "Don McKay" never quite comes together, it's a sign of a coming talent on film. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

Idols on 'Idol'

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	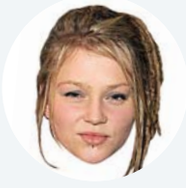	
1 Not the best vocal from Siobhan Magnus; could be time to bring it down a notch.	1 I like Crystal Bowersox quite a bit, just not as much as the judges do.	1 Lee Dewyze finally stepped it up. He found his place. Now stay there!
2. Lee Dewyze	2. Lee Dewyze	2. Casey James
3. Crystal Bowersox	3. Michael Lynche	3. Crystal Bowersox
4. Aaron Kelly	4. Siobhan Magnus	4. Michael Lynche
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Cherry Blast was created by artist Philippa P.B. Hughes, seen above at 2009's event.

Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

Events tied to the National Cherry Blossom Festival tend to be family-friendly gatherings, such as fireworks, kite-flying and balloon-filled parades. That changed last year with the debut of Cherry Blast, an underground-ish mix of projected art, dance performances, live music, fashion and DJs that took place in an empty (but festively decorated) Anacostia warehouse. (Most of the crowd was shuttle-bused in from Dupont Circle.)

This year, **CHERRY BLAST II** — the creation of artist Philippa P.B. Hughes — moves to a storage warehouse in Adams Morgan, but the aesthetic remains the same. Artists will have their works displayed or projected on walls in several rooms. Music will come from the funky Fatback DJ crew, Maureen Andary of local folkies the Sweater Set, DJ Alex Gold of the Fridge and the duo of DJ Chris Nitti and multi-instrumentalist Matt Hemerlein. Throw in a sake bar, a "marshmallow arts playroom" and other surprises, and it's sure to be a night to remember.

● 1701 Florida Ave. NW, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., $10; Cherryblastdc.com. (U St.-Cardozo)

SATURDAY

The next day, a handful of local musicians will be getting their avant-garde on to celebrate cherry blossom season with the **CHERRY BLOSSOM BOOMBOX WALK**. Local electro-rock duo Bluebrain enlisted Geologist of Animal Collective, Chad Clark of Beauty Pill, Sean Peoples of Sockets Records, electronic producer Outputmessage and DJ du jour Will Eastman will create a site-specific work, but you can participate, too. Bring a boombox — you know, that thing Will Smith held over his head in the credits of "Fresh Prince of Bel Air" — and you'll get a cassette recording of their composition. Everybody hits play around the same time, and some sort of wonderful cacophony will commence.

● Carousel on the National Mall, 900 Jefferson Drive SW, 5:30 p.m, free; Bluebrainmusic.blogspot.com. (Smithsonian)

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"Hot Tub Time Machine" is this year's unexpected too-funny-to-be-offensive movie.

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ALICE IN WONDERLAND (PG, 109 minutes) Tim Burton has wisely avoided producing a mere pop-up illustration of Lewis Carroll's books, instead finding inspiration in Alice (Mia Wasikowska), the Mad Hatter (Johnny Depp), the Red Queen (Helena Bonham Carter) and other familiar characters, and putting them into a brand-new story. Burton's signature gnarled, gothic aesthetic runs throughout, but it's the women who steal the show, from the somber, self-possessed Wasikowska to Bonham Carter's scenery-chewing tantrums, to Anne Hathaway's very funny turn as the White Queen. Most important, Burton honors the more tender subtexts of the Alice stories, having to do with isolation and loss. **(AH)**

THE ART OF THE STEAL (Unrated, 101 minutes) Don Argott's passionate, if lopsided, documentary traces the fascinating story of Philadelphia physician Albert C. Barnes, whose personal art collection included major and minor works by Renoir, Matisse, Cézanne and Picasso. Barnes left no heirs when he died in 1951, and his will has been subject to all manner of fiddling at the hands of trustees. Those courtroom tussles are the focus of the film, which posits that the collection has been hijacked by Philadelphia's political and nonprofit elite. **(AH)**

THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG-13, 106 minutes) Milo, played by Gerard Butler, is a fired New York cop who's now tracking down criminals who skip bail. Nicole (Jennifer Aniston) is a brittle reporter who missed a court date for a traffic accident that turned into an assaulting-an-officer charge. And, oh, yes — deep breath — they used to be married. The film enmeshes these two repellent characters, often handcuffed to each other, in a convoluted plot that includes loan sharks, bickering thugs, horny newsmen, crooked cops and guylinered tattoo artists. Each new complication just serves to make us feel as though the blessed end of the movie is creeping further away. **DAN KOIS**

BROOKLYN'S FINEST (R, 133 minutes) A relentlessly violent but relentlessly grim drama about three cops at the end of their ropes. One is an alcoholic, suicidal patrolman on the eve of retirement (Richard Gere); one is a drug-enforcement officer with family problems (Ethan Hawke); and one is an undercover narcotics detective (Don Cheadle), who's torn between duty and the drug kingpin who saved his life in prison (Wesley Snipes). They're all at the breaking point. By the end of the movie you may be, too, without ever having had the least bit of doubt about where this story was going. **JOHN ANDERSON**

CHLOE (R, 96 minutes) Perhaps not since Alfred Hitchcock has a filmmaker married eroticism and dread with the stylish virtuosity of Atom Egoyan. Julianne Moore plays a Toronto gynecologist named Catherine who suspects her husband, David (Liam Neeson), is having an affair.

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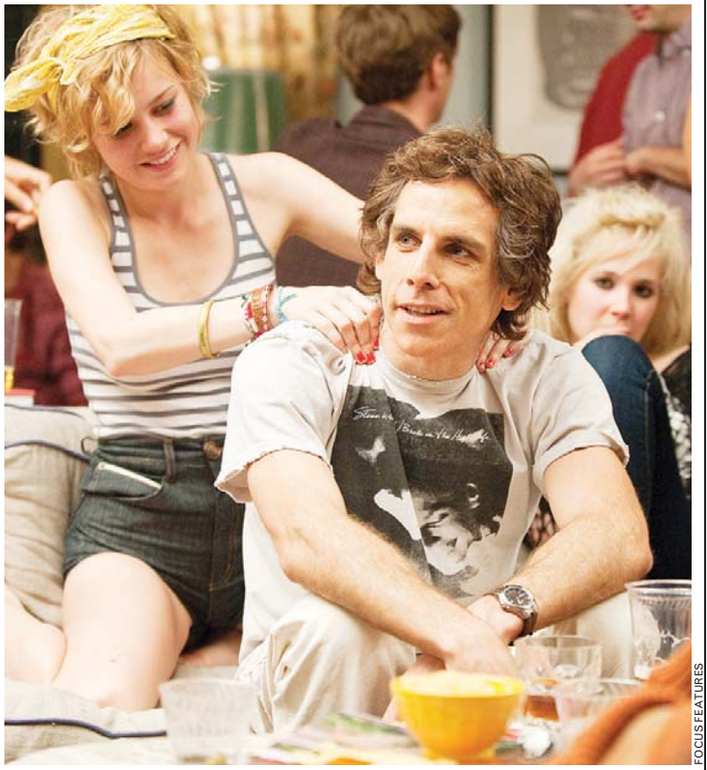
When she crosses paths with a beautiful young woman named Chloe (Amanda Seyfried), Catherine immediately sees the perfect opportunity to bait a sexual trap for David — a plan that will have unexpected, possibly tragic and, for the movie itself, fatally absurd results. But it's proof of Egoyan's skill that the film works for as long as it does. **(AH)**

COP OUT (R, 107 minutes) The very concept — an odd-couple police partnership made up of one level-headed guy (Bruce Willis) and one nut job (Tracy Morgan) — was starting to show signs of wear well before "Lethal Weapon 4" (1998); director Kevin Smith does little to dust off the antique, other than his casting of Morgan — an unpredictable wild man who does most of the comedic heavy lifting. What results is a tour de force of sheer comic energy that threatens to rip apart the film like a wad of used paper towels. **(MO)**

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID (PG, 92 minutes) In Thor Freudenthal's intermittently inspired film, Greg Heffley — the 11-year-old known to millions of young Jeff Kinney readers as a glum-faced stick figure with a cowlick — may have been transformed into a live boy played by Zachary Gordon, but his trials and tribulations remain true to the book. He's just starting middle school as the second-smallest kid in his class. Kids who realize they're fully ordinary — that is, pretty much all of them — will be pleased to see a world they recognize on the big screen. **(DK)**

THE GHOST WRITER (PG-13, 130 minutes) The Ghost, as Ewan McGregor's steadfastly anonymous protagonist is called, is a young author assigned to pen the memoirs of a retired British prime minister after the first author's mysterious death. He's whisked to an island off Massachusetts, where former prime minister Adam Lang (Pierce Brosnan) lives in an elegantly appointed concrete bunker. Roman Polanski smoothly threads viewers through a story that comes alive with flawless detail, convincing performances and an uncanny prescience. **(AH)**

THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO (Unrated, 152 minutes) At its simplest, this Swedish thriller is the story of a 40-year-old missing-person investigation. Wealthy businessman Henrik Vanger (Sven-Bertil Taube) hires investigative journalist Mikael Blomkvist (Michael Nyqvist) to find out what happened to Vanger's favorite niece, Harriet (Ewa Froeling), who is presumed to have been murdered. No sooner does Mikael start to poke around than he is joined by multiply-pierced computer hacker Lisbeth Salander (Noomi Rapace), the tattooed girl of the title. Much of the film's most critical detective work involves high-tech twists to the shoe-leather approach to PI work, and for once it really works. **(MO)**



FOCUS FEATURES

Ben Stiller, going gray around the edges, embodies the omega male in "Greenberg."

GREENBERG (R, 100 minutes) A delicate, if slightly smoggy, feeling of regret hangs over this quietly funny portrait of grown-ups growing up by Noah Baumbach. Ben Stiller plays Roger Greenberg, a 40-year-old Brooklyn carpenter. He befriends Florence (Greta Gerwig), who exists in the same provisional, painfully self-conscious not-quite-there-ness as Greenberg himself. Stiller inhabits his character's neuroses so thoroughly that it's easy to forget what a challenge it is to make such misanthropy the least bit compelling. **(AH)**

GREEN ZONE (R, 115 minutes) Paul Greengrass's wartime thriller, set in the early days of the Iraq conflict, is a jangly, noisy, compulsively restless thriller on a par with the "Bourne" movies, shot through with political critique. Matt Damon plays U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer Roy Miller, who after the U.S. invasion in 2003 has been tasked with finding the weapons of mass destruction on which the war was predicated. There's no denying the film's propulsive energy and the tantalizing idea of Damon making everything all right as a brave, morally infallible soldier. The irony, of course, is that this time his Bourne persona doesn't suffer from amnesia. Instead, he's trying to save us from our own. **(AH)**

HOT TUB TIME MACHINE (R, 93 minutes) The raunchy, guy-centric comedy makes a vertiginously high-concept bid to be this year's version of "The Hangover," and darned if it doesn't succeed. John Cusack, Rob Corddry and Craig Robinson star as estranged best buds who go on a ski trip and wind up athwart of the time-space continuum. It's a movie that on paper makes you despair of contemporary cinema; on screen, though, it's proof that execution is everything. **(AH)**

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (PG, 90 minutes) Our hero in this briskly paced computer-animated 3-D film, Hiccup (voice of Jay Baruchel), is a young Viking who has his hurdles cut out for him. Hiccup's father, a burly giant named Stoick (voice of Gerard Butler), looks as if he begins each day by downing mead shooters on his way out to slay scaly adversaries. Hiccup develops his own approach to dealing with the dragon threat, attempting to help all scaly creatures find their inner Puff (-the-Magic). **MIKE CLARK**

MOTHER (R, 129 minutes) You know that

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story about the mother who, in a feat of adrenaline-fueled strength, is momentarily able to lift a car — or some other heavy object — off her trapped child? Well, what if, in her zeal, that woman were to set down the car — on someone else's head? That, essentially, is the question raised by director Bong Joon-ho's story of maternal love carried to horrific extremes. The haunting Korean thriller concerns Do-joon (Won Bin), a mentally disabled young man who lives at home with Mother (Kim Hye-ja), an herbalist and naturopath. True, she's a bit of a nut. But whose mother isn't? **(MO)**

OUR FAMILY WEDDING (PG-13, 101 minutes) Unless you can get a prenup from your local movie house, you should probably pass up this slightly tacky but strictly high-concept affair: "Romeo and Juliet" played out between Mexican Capulets and African-American Montagues, families who reflexively despise each other and don't do much to keep us guests from agreeing with both of them. In this case, the happy couple are Lucia Ramirez and Marcus Boyd (America Ferrera and Lance Gross), she a recent law-school dropout, he a doctor heading off to join Doctors Without Borders in Laos, hence their haste to tie the knot. **(JA)**

PERCY JACKSON & THE OLYMPIANS: THE LIGHTNING THIEF (PG, 119 minutes) Fans of Rick Riordan's books — a five-volume series about a boy who discovers

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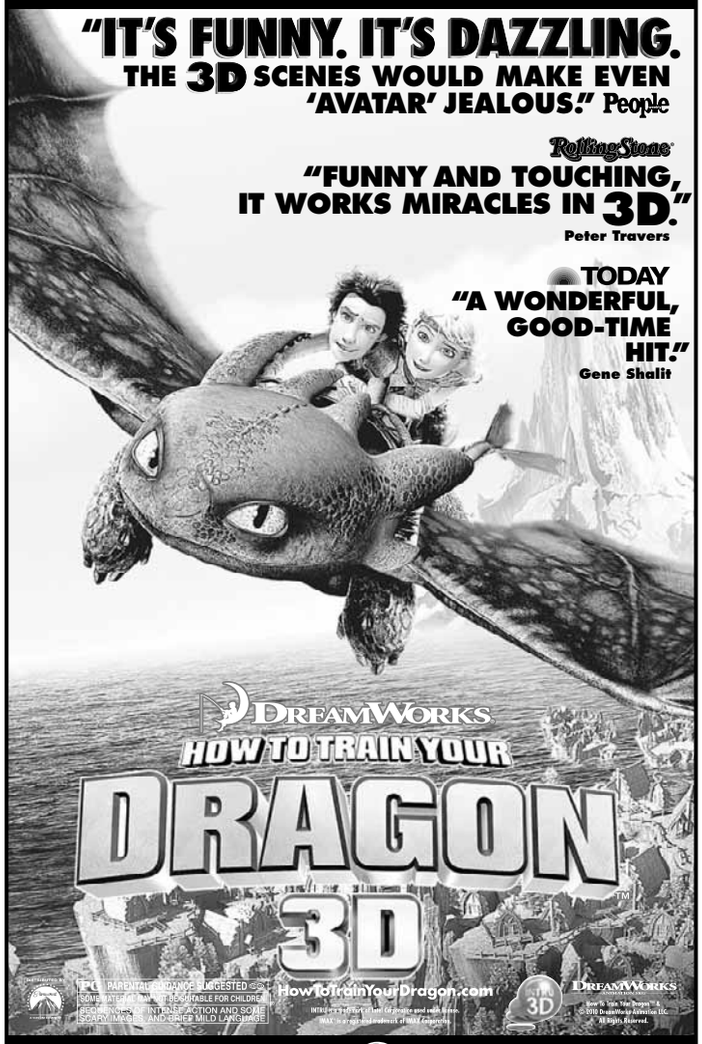

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he's the half-human, half-divine son of the Greek god Poseidon — will be disappointed to learn that, in the translation of this first book from page to screen, the title character has gone from a wisecracking misfit who wakes up with superpowers to, well, a washout. Percy (Logan Lerman) is a pretty boy with good hair but no discernable interior life. When Percy is accused of stealing a lightning bolt belonging to Zeus (Sean Bean), the boy and his friends must put things right. It's not just that it's a lot less funny than the book. It's also a lot less fun. **(MO)**

A PROPHET (R, 149 minutes) The audience enters the nameless prison at the same time as the film's protagonist, a 19-year-old of Arab descent named Malik (Tahar Rahim). Malik immediately defends his turf when two inmates try to steal his sneakers; soon he's approached by Cesar (Niels Arestrup), the leader of a Corsican gang that runs the jail as its own domain. Although Cesar mistrusts the Muslims who are beginning to outnumber his minions, he comes to trust Malik, who learns not only the ways of crime and revenge, but also how to read and write. Such are the ironies that keep French director Jacques Audiard's film absorbingly off-balance. **(AH)**

REMEMBER ME (PG-13, 98 minutes) Ostensibly, the movie is the story of Tyler Hawkins (Robert Pattinson) and his emotionally bullying father (Pierce Brosnan). The plot is set in motion when our hero is arrested after trying to stop a street fight, then mouthing off to the investigating cop (Chris Cooper). Enter the cop's beautiful daughter, Ally (Emilie de Ravin). Tyler starts dating Ally as a way to get back at her father but ends up falling in love with her without meaning to. But there's something else hidden inside that's so stunning, yet so stunningly obvious, that it functions like a kind of ticking time bomb in the corner of the screen. By the time the darn thing goes off, there's only a sense of relief. **(MO)**

REPO MEN (R, 111 minutes) Could a world actually exist in which artificial organs bought on credit could be repossessed from their delinquent containers by Taser-wielding corporate ninjas? That director Miguel Sapochnik can even ask the question makes for a thriller with the proper quotient of paranoia. Jude Law plays Remy, the top repo man for the Union, a monolithic multinational-cum-government that urges transplants onto ailing customers and then tracks them down when they don't make their payments. But when Remy has a heart attack, he gets a transplant he can't pay for, and the hunter becomes the hunted. **(JA)**

SHE'S OUT OF MY LEAGUE (R, 104 minutes) This crass comedy is the story of Kirk (Jay Baruchel) and Molly (Alice Eve). He's a schlubby airport security screener without a college degree, and she's a gorgeous and successful lawyer-turned-party planner. Baruchel is no troll, but he's hardly a heartthrob. Molly, by comparison, is a "hard 10," as Kirk's boorish friends keep reminding him: all blond hair, perfect teeth and presumably unbridled libido. All of which leads Kirk to undergo, with descending frequency: neurotic levels of insecurity (not funny), public ridicule (slightly funny) and the kind of performance anxiety that causes him to drop his coins in front of the slot machine, if you know what I mean. **(MO)**

SHUTTER ISLAND (R, 138 minutes) This gothic thriller begins in 1954, when two U.S. marshals (Leonardo DiCaprio and Mark Ruffalo), arrive at the eponymous island just off Massachusetts, where looms the impenetrable Ashecliffe Hospital for the criminally insane. The marshals have been detailed to find a prisoner who has suddenly vanished from her locked cell. Martin Scorsese creates a pastiche of moody atmosphere, stylized flashbacks and dream sequences and a devotion to flagrant violence that finally turns rancid and repulsive. **(AH)**

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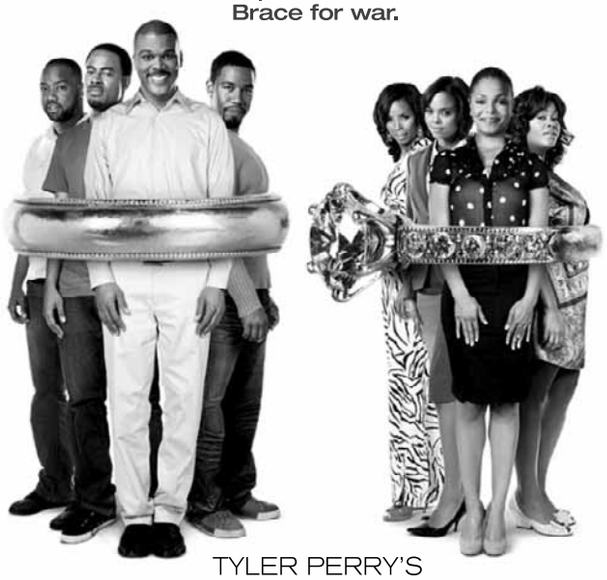

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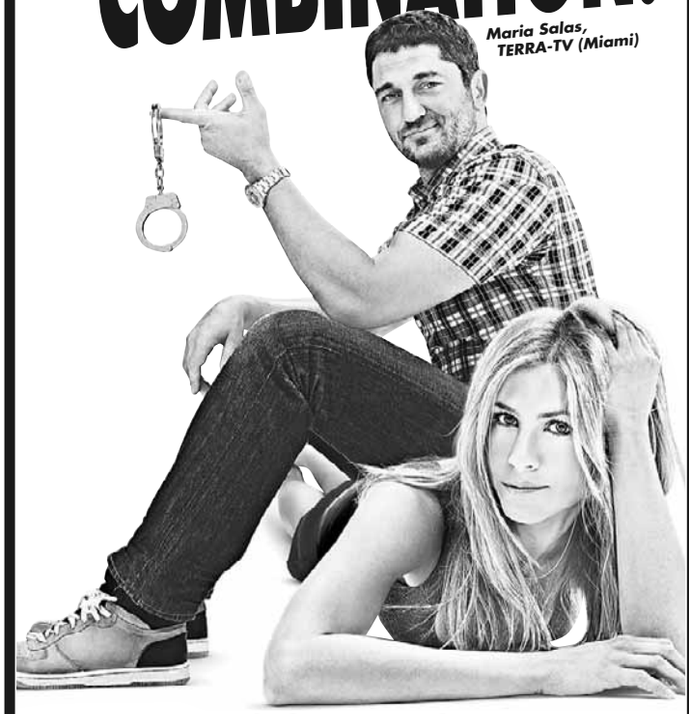

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MOTHER (R) (12:30, 3:30)9:30

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The Avalon Theatre — www.theavalon.org

FORMOSA BETRAYED (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00
THE ART OF THE STEAL (NR) 1:00, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL (PG) 10:30 A.M.
FANTASTIC MR. FOX (PG) 10:30 A.M.

AMC Theaters

AMC Loews Uptown — www.amctheatres.com

CLASH OF THE TITANS (PG–13) 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30

AMC Theaters

AMC Mazza Gallerie — www.amctheatres.com

TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED TOO? (PG–13) 11:50, 2:30, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40
THE LAST SONG (PG) 11:20, 1:50, 4:20, 7:30, 10:00
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 3D (PG) 11:40, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20
IN DIGITAL 3-D

HOT TUB TIME MACHINE (R) 10:30, 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10
DIARY OF A WIMPY KID (PG) 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:30
THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG–13) 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:40, 10:20
ALICE IN WONDERLAND (PG) 11:30, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40

AMC Theaters

AMC Loews Georgetown — www.amctheatres.com

TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED TOO? (PG–13) 10:35, 1:30, 4:25, 7:15, 10:10
CLASH OF THE TITANS (PG–13) 9:50, 12:15, 2:45, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40
CLASH OF THE TITANS 3D (PG–13) 11:10, 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40, 12:20
IN DIGITAL 3-D

THE LAST SONG (PG) 11:40, 2:15, 4:50, 7:25, 10:05, 12:35
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 3D (PG) 9:45, 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00, 12:25
IN DIGITAL 3-D

HOT TUB TIME MACHINE (R) 10:00, 11:25, 12:20, 1:50, 2:50, 4:15, 5:15, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15, 10:15, 11:40, 12:35
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CHLOE (R) 10:25, 12:55, 3:20, 5:50, 8:15, 10:35
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (PG) 10:30, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 11:00
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THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG–13) 12:05, 2:35, 5:25, 8:05, 10:45
SHE'S OUT OF MY LEAGUE (R) 11:00, 1:35, 4:10, 6:50, 9:25, 12:00
GREEN ZONE (R) 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:35, 10:30
ALICE IN WONDERLAND (PG) 9:45, 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:50, 10:25
SHUTTER ISLAND (R) 9:55, 12:50, 4:00, 7:10, 10:20

Regal Cinemas

Regal Gallery Place Stadium — www.regmovies.com

KICK-ASS (R)
CLASH OF THE TITANS 3D (PG–13) (11:30, 2:05, 4:45)7:30, 10:10, 12:40
THE LAST SONG (PG) (11:40, 2:15)5:00, 7:40, 10:20
TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED TOO? (PG–13) (11:45, 12:45, 3:00) 4:00, 6:20, 7:00, 9:15, 10:00, 12:00, 12:45
CLASH OF THE TITANS (PG–13) (12:30)3:15, 6:30, 9:30, 12:10
CHLOE (R) (12:05, 2:30)5:05, 7:35, 10:00
HOT TUB TIME MACHINE (R) (11:35, 12:15, 2:10)4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 9:40, 10:40, 12:20
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (PG) (12:50)3:30, 6:10, 8:45
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DIARY OF A WIMPY KID (PG) (12:00)
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REPO MEN (R) 12:30
THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG–13) (11:30, 2:10)5:10, 8:10, 10:45
OUR FAMILY WEDDING (PG–13) (12:20)6:15, 12:15
GREEN ZONE (R) (2:50)8:00
ALICE IN WONDERLAND (PG) (12:10, 2:45)5:20, 7:50, 10:25
SHUTTER ISLAND (R) 3:10, 9:00

Virginia

Old Town Theatre

Alexandria — www.oldtowntheatre.com

Call theatre for show information

Arlington Cinema 'N' Drafthouse

Arlington — www.arlingtondrafthouse.com

IT'S COMPLICATED (R) 7:10 P.M.

Regal Potomac Yards

Alexandria — www.regmovies.com

KICK-ASS (R)
TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED TOO? (PG–13) (10:30, 11:00, 1:20, 2:00, 4:20, 5:00) 6:50, 7:20, 8:00, 9:50, 10:20, 11:20
CLASH OF THE TITANS 3D (PG–13) (10:40, 1:40, 4:40)7:40, 10:40
CLASH OF THE TITANS (PG–13) (11:35, 2:40, 3:40, 5:40)6:40, 8:40, 9:40, 11:25
THE LAST SONG (PG) (11:10, 1:55, 4:45)7:30, 10:10
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (PG) (10:50, 11:20, 1:15, 1:45, 3:50, 4:15)6:30, 9:10
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 3D (PG) (11:40, 2:15, 4:50)7:15, 9:45
HOT TUB TIME MACHINE (R) (12:10, 2:50, 5:25)8:05, 10:35
DIARY OF A WIMPY KID (PG) (11:15) A.M.
(1:50, 4:25)6:55, 9:20
REPO MEN (R) (4:10)10:00
THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG–13) (11:30, 2:20, 5:10)7:50, 10:25
OUR FAMILY WEDDING (PG–13) (4:00)6:45, 9:15
SHE'S OUT OF MY LEAGUE (R) 11:30
GREEN ZONE (R) (1:00)7:00
BROOKLYN'S FINEST (R) (12:50)
ALICE IN WONDERLAND (PG) (11:25, 2:10, 4:55)7:45, 10:30
THE GHOST WRITER (PG–13) (12:00, 3:10)6:10, 9:00
SHUTTER ISLAND (R) (12:30)
OPEN CAPTIONED PERFORMANCE - SELECTED FILM - DAILY (NR)

Regal Kingstowne Stadium

Alexandria — www.regmovies.com

KICK-ASS (R)
CLASH OF THE TITANS 3D (PG–13) (10:30, 1:20)4:10, 7:20, 10:10
CLASH OF THE TITANS (PG–13) (11:00, 12:50, 2:00)4:50, 6:50, 7:50, 10:40
THE LAST SONG (PG) (11:30, 2:20)5:00, 7:40, 10:20
TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED TOO? (PG–13) (1:30) 3:50, 4:30, 7:30, 9:50, 10:30
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 3D (PG) (11:20, 1:50)4:20, 7:00, 9:40
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (PG) (12:00, 1:00, 2:40)3:30, 5:20, 6:20, 8:00, 10:35
HOT TUB TIME MACHINE (R) (12:10, 2:50)5:30, 8:10, 10:50
DIARY OF A WIMPY KID (PG) (11:40, 2:10)4:40, 7:10, 9:45
THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG–13) (12:40)3:40, 6:40, 9:30
SHE'S OUT OF MY LEAGUE (R) (12:20)6:10
REMEMBER ME (PG–13) 3:10, 9:00
GREEN ZONE (R) 9:10 P.M.
ALICE IN WONDERLAND (PG) (12:30)3:20, 6:30, 9:20

Regal Ballston Common Stadium

Arlington — www.regmovies.com

TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED TOO? (PG–13) (1:30, 4:30)7:30, 10:15
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (PG) (12:50, 1:40, 3:25, 4:15)6:00, 6:50, 8:35, 9:25
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 3D (PG) (2:30, 5:05)7:40, 10:15
HOT TUB TIME MACHINE (R) (2:50, 5:25)8:00, 10:40
THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG–13) (1:00, 3:45)6:30, 9:20
OUR FAMILY WEDDING (PG–13) (1:10, 3:55)7:00, 9:35
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ALICE IN WONDERLAND 3D (PG) (1:20, 4:05)7:10, 9:55
THE GHOST WRITER (PG–13) (12:30, 3:35)6:40, 9:45
SHUTTER ISLAND (R) (1:15, 4:40)7:50

AMC Theatres Courthouse Plaza

Arlington — www.amctheatres.com

CLASH OF THE TITANS (PG–13) 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
CLASH OF THE TITANS 3D (PG–13) 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 8:00, 10:30
IN DIGITAL 3-D

THE LAST SONG (PG) 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
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GREENBERG (R) 12:05, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10
DIARY OF A WIMPY KID (PG) 12:00, 2:10, 4:30, 6:50, 9:10
SHE'S OUT OF MY LEAGUE (R) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:50, 10:25
AVATAR (PG–13) 12:15, 3:40, 7:10, 10:40
THE BLIND SIDE (PG–13) 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20

AMC Theatres Hoffman Center

Alexandria — www.amctheatres.com

TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED TOO? (PG–13) 10:00, 10:40, 11:20, 12:00, 1:20, 2:00, 2:40, 3:20, 4:40, 5:20, 6:00, 6:40, 8:00, 8:40, 9:20, 10:00, 11:20, 12:00
CLASH OF THE TITANS (PG–13) 11:10, 2:10, 5:10, 8:10, 11:10
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CLASH OF THE TITANS 3D (PG–13) 10:20, 1:30, 4:30, 7:40, 10:40
IN DIGITAL 3-D

THE LAST SONG (PG) 10:15, 11:30, 1:05, 2:30, 4:00, 5:30, 7:00, 8:20, 9:50, 11:30
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 3D (PG) 11:00, 1:50, 4:20
IN DIGITAL 3-D

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON: AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG) 10:10, 12:55, 3:45, 6:35, 9:30
HOT TUB TIME MACHINE (R) 10:35, 12:30, 1:40, 3:30, 4:15, 6:30, 7:20, 9:40, 10:10, 12:20
AMC Select

CHLOE (R) 11:05, 2:05
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (PG) 11:55, 2:55, 5:50, 8:30, 11:25
REPO MEN (R) 11:40, 2:50, 5:45, 8:50, 11:55
DIARY OF A WIMPY KID (PG) 10:05, 12:45, 3:25, 6:05, 9:05, 11:40
THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG–13) 11:50, 3:00, 6:00, 9:00, 11:50
SHE'S OUT OF MY LEAGUE (R) 10:50, 5:15, 10:55
GREEN ZONE (R) 5:00, 8:15, 11:15
ALICE IN WONDERLAND (PG) 12:15, 3:15, 6:15, 9:15
BROOKLYN'S FINEST (R) 10:30, 5:25
ALICE IN WONDERLAND 3D (PG) 7:30, 10:20
IN DIGITAL 3-D

ALICE IN WONDERLAND AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG) 12:10 A.M.
IN DIGITAL 3-D

COP OUT (R) 2:20, 8:05
SHUTTER ISLAND (R) 1:55, 8:45

Maryland

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center

Silver Spring — www.afi.com/silver

THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO (NR) 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45
GREENBERG (R) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:05, 9:20
CITIZEN KANE (PG) 4:20, 7:00
LA STRADA (NR) 9:30 P.M.

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema

Bethesda — www.landmarktheatres.com

CHLOE (R) (12:30, 3:05, 5:15)7:30, 9:50
GREENBERG (R) (1:00, 2:00, 4:30)7:30, 8:15, 10:00
THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO (NR) (12:00, 3:00, 5:00)6:15, 9:30
THE GHOST WRITER (PG–13) (12:50, 3:45)6:30, 9:15
A PROPHET (R) (1:45, 5:15)8:30
CRAZY HEART (R) (1:35, 4:05)6:45, 9:25
THE LAST STATION (R) (2:00, 4:45)7:15, 9:45

AMC Loews Center Park

Beltsville — www.amctheatres.com

TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED TOO? (PG–13) 10:30, 12:30, 1:30, 3:30, 4:30, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:30
CLASH OF THE TITANS (PG–13) 9:55, 12:15, 2:45, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40
THE LAST SONG (PG) 11:00, 1:45, 4:15, 7:00, 9:25
HOT TUB TIME MACHINE (R) 10:05, 12:20, 2:40, 5:10, 7:35, 10:00
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DIARY OF A WIMPY KID (PG) 10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:35, 7:50, 10:05
THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG–13) 11:15, 1:50, 4:35, 7:05, 9:50
OUR FAMILY WEDDING (PG–13) 9:50 A.M.

AMC Loews White Flint

Kensington — www.amctheatres.com

CLASH OF THE TITANS (PG–13) 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
THE LAST SONG (PG) 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (PG) 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50
THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG–13) 11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:45, 10:20
ALICE IN WONDERLAND (PG) 10:30, 1:15, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center

Largo — www.amctheatres.com

TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED TOO? (PG–13) 10:00, 10:45, 11:45, 12:15, 1:00, 1:45, 3:00, 3:30, 4:05, 5:05, 6:15, 6:45, 7:15, 7:45, 9:20, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:55, 12:30
CLASH OF THE TITANS (PG–13) 11:10, 2:10, 5:10, 8:00, 10:50
CLASH OF THE TITANS 3D (PG–13) 10:10, 1:10, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50, 12:40
IN DIGITAL 3-D

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 3D (PG) 11:40, 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:15, 12:35
IN DIGITAL 3-D

HOT TUB TIME MACHINE (R) 10:05, 12:30, 2:55, 5:30, 8:15, 10:55
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (PG) 10:55, 1:20, 3:50, 6:30, 9:15
DIARY OF A WIMPY KID (PG) 11:50, 2:15, 4:30, 7:05, 9:40, 12:00
OUR FAMILY WEDDING (PG–13) 12:05, 2:45, 5:20, 8:05, 10:35
ALICE IN WONDERLAND (PG) 10:30, 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:45, 12:20

Regal Bethesda

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CLASH OF THE TITANS (PG–13) (11:00, 12:00, 1:30, 2:40, 4:10, 5:20) 7:10, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30
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HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON (PG) (12:30, 3:00, 5:30)7:50
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 3D (PG) (11:15, 1:50, 4:30)7:00, 9:25
HOT TUB TIME MACHINE (R) (12:20, 2:50, 5:15)7:40, 10:15
DIARY OF A WIMPY KID (PG) (11:30, 2:05, 4:20)6:50, 9:10
THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG–13) (11:10, 2:10, 4:50)7:30, 10:20
ALICE IN WONDERLAND (PG) (11:45, 2:15, 4:45)7:15, 9:50
SHUTTER ISLAND (R) 10:10

Regal Majestic Cinema

Silver Spring — www.regmovies.com

KICK-ASS (R)
CLASH OF THE TITANS (PG–13) (12:05, 1:00, 2:40, 3:35, 5:10) 6:05, 7:50, 8:40, 10:25, 11:10
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REPO MEN (R) (1:30)7:20, 11:45
THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG–13) (11:20, 2:10, 5:40)8:35, 11:05
OUR FAMILY WEDDING (PG–13) (11:50, 3:05)8:25, 10:40
SHE'S OUT OF MY LEAGUE (R) (5:50) P.M.
GREEN ZONE (R) (2:30, 5:00)10:55
BROOKLYN'S FINEST (R) (3:55)9:55
ALICE IN WONDERLAND (PG) (12:55, 4:00)7:05, 9:40, 12:15
THE GHOST WRITER (PG–13) (1:20, 4:05)6:55, 10:05
SHUTTER ISLAND (R) (11:35)8:00

Regal Royale Stadium

Hyattsville — www.regmovies.com

KICK-ASS (R)
CLASH OF THE TITANS 3D (PG–13) (1:10, 3:50)6:50, 9:40
CLASH OF THE TITANS (PG–13)(11:20, 1:40, 4:20, 4:50)7:25, 7:55, 10:10, 10:40
TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED TOO? (PG–13) (11:15, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 4:00, 4:30) 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:00, 10:30
THE LAST SONG (PG) (11:10, 1:35, 4:15)7:10, 9:55
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 3D (PG) (11:00, 1:50, 4:10)7:20, 9:50
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HOT TUB TIME MACHINE (R) (11:25, 1:45, 4:05)7:15, 10:05
DIARY OF A WIMPY KID (PG) (11:05, 1:15, 3:30)6:55, 9:30
REPO MEN (R) (1:55) P.M.
THE BOUNTY HUNTER (PG–13) (1:05, 3:45)6:40, 9:35
ALICE IN WONDERLAND (PG) (1:25, 3:55)7:05, 9:45
OUR FAMILY WEDDING (PG–13) (4:45)10:45
SHE'S OUT OF MY LEAGUE (R) 10:20 P.M.

TV weekend lookout

Best Bets

FRI 8:00

Wife Swap (ABC) In the season premiere, "Cameron/Drago," Teresa, a strict mom whose kids work hard in the family businesses, swaps homes with Ro, who indulges her three teens and lavishes attention on her 14 "reborn babies," pricey dolls that breathe and have heartbeats.

FRI 8:00

Who Do You Think You Are? (NBC) While investigating her family history in New Jersey, Brooke Shields uncovers a tragic secret that changes her feelings about her maternal grandmother.

SUN 8:00

Extreme Makeover: Home Edition (ABC) Jessica Alba is the celebrity volunteer as Ty Pennington and co. travel to Kemah, Texas, to meet the Beaches, whose compassion for children with disabilities moved them to take in 80 foster kids over the years.

SUN 9:00

Masterpiece Classic (PBS) The adventures of Richard Sharpe (Sean Bean, right) continue as he and Harper (Daragh O'Malley) lead a ragtag party of civilians and soldiers across India. They're escorting a strong-willed Frenchwoman (Beatrice Rosen) to meet her fiance (Pascal Langdale), with the murderous army of an opium lord (Velibor Topic) in pursuit. **(TRIBUNE MEDIA)**

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MIAMI MEDICAL

FRI 10:00

(CBS) The new series "Miami Medical" follows the "CSI" and "NCIS" tradition of slapping a city's name on a procedural drama in the hope that mere geography will sell it. Like most series of this sort, "Miami" bounces between emotional pathos and icky surgical details. Jeremy Northam, above right, stars as a surgeon with military experience and a British accent.

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Cult Fave

Spacing Out

New episodes of "Stargate Universe" (9 p.m., SyFy) begin tonight! Using the communication stones, Col. Young (Justin Louis) prepares to file a report to Earth regarding the recent untimely deaths on board the Destiny. But a transmission glitch with the stones ends up sending his consciousness into an unknown being. Elyse Levesque, above, and Robert Carlyle also star in "Space." **(TRIBUNE MEDIA)**

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Poll Center

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Yesterday's Results

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"He is showing leadership — compromise is the name of the game. Those who don't believe in climate change are either ignorant or stupid."

COMMENTER FRANK

"I've seen what has been done to our waters up close and personal. The last thing we need are drilling platforms dotting our coastlines with the potential of killing more reefs and affecting the sea life that depends on them."

COMMENTER CHRISTINE

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"Every schoolkid knows that line, which is why the crowd was so astounded when she flubbed it. What was Keri [Hilson] thinking?"

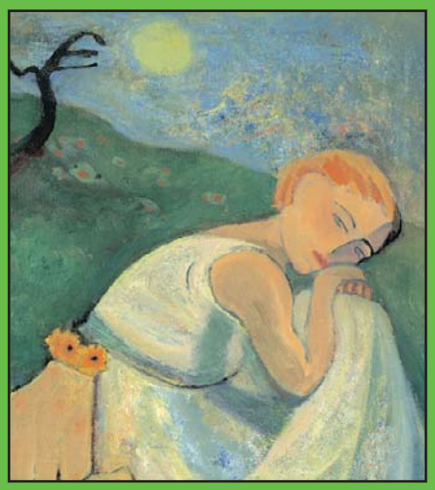
— **SANDRAROSE.COM** HAS LITTLE SYMPATHY FOR THE POP SINGER, WHO SANG "WHAT SO PROUDLY WE HAILED, O'ER THE RAMPARTS WE WATCHED," WHILE PERFORMING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM BEFORE AN NBA GAME ON WEDNESDAY.

"We really do have an elected representative that is this appallingly stupid. According to Johnson's thinking, we'd better begin an emergency evacuation of Manhattan before it tips over and capsizes!"

—**FULLMETALPATRIOT.BLOGSPOT.COM** WAS STUNNED TO HEAR GEORGIA REP. HANK JOHNSON IMPLY THAT MOVING MORE MILITARY TROOPS TO THE SMALL ISLAND OF GUAM MIGHT FORCE IT TO "TIP OVER AND CAPSIZE" DUE TO OVERPOPULATION.

"IT SEEMS WALT DISNEY has a perverse love for irrelevant pop singers writing songs for their big tent pole movies."

— **THEPLAYLIST.BLOGSPOT.COM** CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHY ALANIS MORISSETTE WILL CONTRIBUTE "I REMAIN" TO THE UPCOMING "PRINCE OF PERSIA: THE SANDS OF TIME." AVRIL LAVIGNE WAS FEATURED DURING THE CLOSING CREDITS OF TIM BURTON'S "ALICE IN WONDERLAND," RELEASED EARLIER THIS YEAR.



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puzzles lookout

Horoscope

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You'll find yourself going along for the ride, but shouldn't you try to assume a little more control instead?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may be clinging to a certain fiction that you've created for yourself. Instead, you will want to face reality with eyes open.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) When it comes to making a special request, the how is just as important as the when. Style and substance combine.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may not respond well to the kind of input others are trying to provide. Don't take it personally; trust yourself more.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You are happy to be wrong about a certain situation — and you'll be relieved if you are. Until you know for sure, keep your eyes open.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your love of certain things — and your dislike of others — will come into play on more than one occasion, shaping your overall progress.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) The time has come for you to provide someone else with precisely what he or she has asked for, but you can do so in an unexpected manner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You can satisfy another's needs and your own at the same time. You and a friend can make a valuable and concerted effort during the evening hours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) What others see as a noble effort is something that has only just begun as far as you're concerned. You have new tactics to try.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may find yourself face to face with one of your hidden fears. After the initial shock, you can make real progress.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You will be asking questions for two reasons — to steer the conversation in a certain direction and to satisfy your curiosity.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) The difference between the genuine and the artificial is likely to be much clearer by day's end. You may change direction as a result.

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Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 145-155, BEST SCORE 204

A1	A1	A1	L1	S1	R1	M3	Double Word Score	RACK 1
A1	O1	R1	R1	D2	N1	P3		RACK 2
A1	E1	T1	C3	F4	R1	R1	3rd Letter Triple	RACK 3
A1	A1	E1	O1	E1	L1	R1		RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

P3	R1	O1	D2	I1	G2	Y4	RACK 1 =	92
A1	D2	J8	U1	S1	T1		RACK 2 =	14
N1	O1	I1	S1	O1	M3	E1	RACK 3 =	60
S1	H4	Y4	N1	E1	S1	S1	RACK 4 =	63
PAR SCORE 150-160							TOTAL	229

FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

DIFFICULT

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6		7		2				
				1	5			
9	2		7					

Yesterday's Solution

4	2	3	7	1	9	6	5	8
8	6	9	3	5	2	4	1	7
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1	7	4	9	3	8	5	6	2
5	3	2	6	7	4	8	9	1
9	8	6	5	2	1	7	4	3
3	9	7	8	4	5	1	2	6
6	1	5	2	9	7	3	8	4
2	4	8	1	6	3	9	7	5

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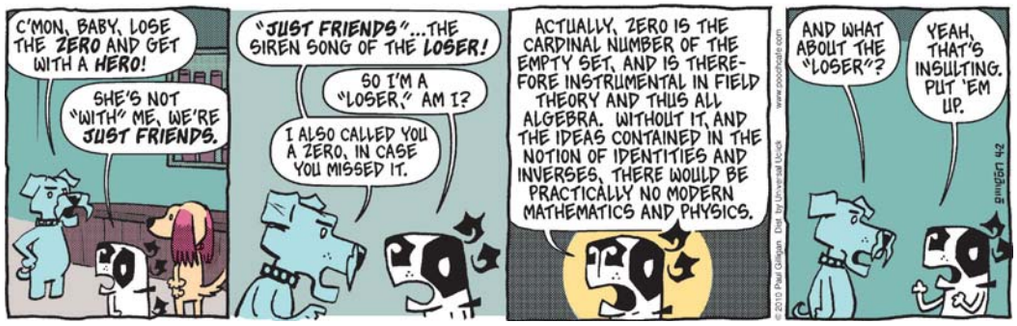

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | STEPHAN PASTIS

Forecast

80 | 58

Today: Sunny and pleasantly warm today. Mainly clear and mild tonight.

80 | 56

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and very warm tomorrow. Partly cloudy tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

SUN	MON	TUE
76 | 52	75 | 50	72 | 55

Sun and Moon
Sunrise today: 6:52 a.m.
Sunset today: 7:32 p.m.
Moonrise today: none
Moonset today: 8:42 a.m.

Almanac
Normal high: 61
Record high: 88
Normal low: 42
Record low: 15

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Crossword

TOOL TIME

ACROSS

1 Grinding tooth
6 It may need stitches
10 Small amount of liquid
14 Be gaga about
15 On the safer side
16 Fifty cents per minute, say
17 Spillane sleuth
19 Midmonth day
20 Licoricelike spices
21 Breast-beating vegetarian
22 Twist, sometimes
23 Hieroglyphics serpent
25 One doing dos
27 Pack together tightly
32 Bit of horse food
33 Stairwell item
34 Singer Diamond
36 Pie flavor
40 Sicily sight
41 Piano technician
43 Feverish chills
44 Complain childishly
46 Russian parliament
47 A ___ technicality
48 And so on, briefly
50 Low-pressure marketing technique
52 Surprise challenger
56 Highlands "huh-uh"
57 In the neighborhood
58 Popular nest egg, for short
60 Gets the lead out
65 Nativity-scene figures
66 How students often line up
68 Memo letters
69 Divider's word
70 Hot dip
71 Prohibition-era crimefighter
72 Bit of bird food
73 Specter of the U.S. Senate

DOWN

1 One of the three bears
2 Thor's dad
3 Asgard prankster
4 Mount Olympus warrior
5 Grant an appeal for
6 Leg, to a gangster
7 Opera singer Gluck
8 Passes through slowly
9 Where an addendum may be attached
10 Precision squads
11 Lines from the center
12 Checkout counter count
13 Under attack
18 Give an OK
24 Pretentious poseur
26 Snappish bark
27 Yacht staff
28 Swearing-in highlight
29 ___ Cooper (car)
30 Flights
31 Type of headache
35 Iced tea add-in
37 Pulitzer-winning author James
38 Hot-roller result
39 Achilles' weak spot
42 Tennis star Nadal
45 Letter following zeta
49 Midlife event
51 Nun with a Nobel
52 Deprive of one's nerve
53 "___ porridge hot ..."
54 Epic stories of heroism
55 Father, Son and Holy Ghost, e.g.
59 A penny in a pot, perhaps
61 At some distance
62 Place for a planter
63 "Or ___" (ultimatum words)
64 "Dr. No" star Connery
67 "In ___ we trust"

Yesterday's Solution

T	H	A	T		P	S	S	T		M	E	L	B	A
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L	A	S	S	O		M	O	R	A		M	E	T	E
A	S	K	E	W		E	R	S	T		E	Y	E	D

EDITED BY TIMOTHY E. PARKER

Samurai Sudoku

DIFFICULT

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

Last Week's Solution

3	1	6	7	8	9	2	4	5
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8	2	4	9	6	1	5	7	3
7	9	1	3	5	8	6	2	4
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Today in History

1917 President Woodrow Wilson summons a special session of Congress to declare war upon Germany.

1932 Aviator Charles Lindbergh pays a ransom of $50,000 in a New York cemetery to a man who promises to return his kidnapped son.

1995 Baseball owners accept the players union offer to play without a contract, ending the longest and costliest strike in U.S. professional sports history.

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TWO FOR TWO

Kmart Clothing Every Girl's Dream ... Besides Dating a Jonas Brother

Disney Channel star Selena Gomez, 17, will launch a line of clothing at Kmart stores this summer. The "Dream Out Loud" collection, aimed at teenagers, will go on sale in late July. It will include sportswear, purses, belts and accessories. In related news, People.com reported that Gomez and Nick Jonas are no longer a couple. **(AP/EXPRESS)**

FOOLISH

Interchangeable Cog In Playboy Factory Led To Think She's Special

Bridget Marquardt, one of Hugh Hefner's girlfriends in "The Girls Next Door," has secured her own show, following the example of Kendra Wilkinson and Holly Madison. The series, also starring boyfriend Nicholas Carpenter, will focus on "life after the mansion, moving on, our relationship," Marquardt told E! Online. **(EXPRESS)**

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Bridget M.? Or a random person in a blond wig? You probably don't know.

Dirtbag Digest

Career Quietly Put Out of Misery

Charlie Sheen, whose "Two and a Half Men" contract is up at the end of this season (the seventh), will not be returning to the CBS sitcom, according to People.com. "Charlie's just done," a source said. "And he's quietly telling his friends he's not coming back." CBS did not comment, but another source said the network is still negotiating with Sheen. **(EXPRESS)**

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Sandra silently judges you for silently judging her. You should feel bad.

MEDIA

The Vultures Descend

Sandra Bullock was seen by the media for the first time since the Jesse James adultery scandal began more than two weeks ago, Usmagazine.com reported. The actress wore an enormous green sun hat as she left her Hollywood Hills residence; an assistant shielded her from photographers with umbrellas. Bullock climbed into the backseat of a black Mercedes and was driven to the Beverly Hills home of friend Gabriel Brener, the billionaire owner of an investment firm. **(EXPRESS)**

MESSAGES

'If You Pay Money, You'll Lose Weight'

Jennifer Hudson announced that she's the new spokeswoman for Weight Watchers Thursday on "Good Morning America." Hudson recently lost weight after the birth of her first child. She says she's never been the size she is now in her adult life. "It's about the progress and being comfortable," said Hudson, who did not say how many pounds she had dropped. **(EXPRESS)**

"Continued stereotyping such as this by people ignorant of our traditional ways is very disrespectful."

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